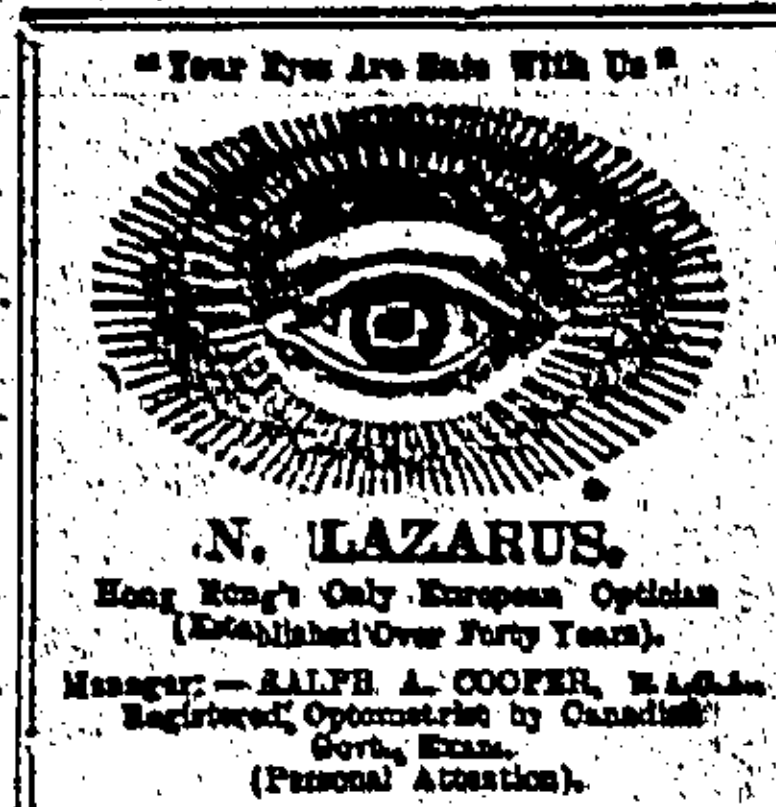


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TELEGRAMS OF CONGRATULATION FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD.

[By THOS. D. MORGAN.]

[Exclusive to the "Daily Press."]

Rome (U.P.).—The great jubilation of Catholicism throughout the wide world over the recognition of the sovereignty and independence of the Roman Pontiff has pleased His Holiness, Pope Pius XI. immensely. This he personally conveyed to me in a private audience, when His Holiness did me the extreme honour of receiving me in the intimacy of his library. It was amazing to learn how His Holiness recalled the names of places from all parts of the civilized world from which had come thousands of telegrams, and he remembered with unusual clearness among the thousands the names of distinguished prelates who had sent congratulations. His Holiness was especially pleased with the joyful response of Catholics, more than ever in the manner in which they flocked to the churches to celebrate the event.

As I entered the library, I found the Pope, dressed in his white cassock and with his little moustache, or skull-cap, on his head, sitting at his desk.

"You are indeed welcome," he said, first in Italian. Then he said it in English.

I knelt and kissed his ring and he then pointed me to an arm chair placed on his right beside the desk. I sat down and the Holy Father began speaking.

A Time of Rejoicing.

"You have had plenty of work during these last days," he said. I said that it was indeed so, and that we had tried to portray the rightfulness of the great event.

He then paused and began again.

"Yes, it is wonderful to hear the news from all over the world how the great event of the past few days has been received. We have received a real avalanche of telegrams of jubilation, a real world-wide expression of delight from even the most remote places. From North and South America has come hundreds of telegrams, and from even as far away as Australia they come in by the score and then too, from far-off New Zealand.

"It is very gratifying to us, to learn of these expressions and to feel that the whole Catholic world has received the events of the past few days with this remarkable joy, which shows that they have understood with us and that they rejoice with us."

In Perfect Accord.

The Pontiff spoke in that calm deliberate way. He showed in the very sureness with which he spoke, that he was himself perfectly satisfied that the accord between Italy

and the Holy See, in which he personally for the Holy See had had the preponderant part and for which he publicly accepted the responsibility, had placed the Papacy and the Roman Pontiff on secure ground.

I studied him as he spoke. Power radiated from his person. As the Sovereign Pontiff, on whom the spiritual responsibility for three hundred million Catholics depended, he seemed to fully express that lofty responsibility and to embody the whole of it. He leaned back on his chair with his hands on the arms and looked at me and continued:

"The people all over the world have crowded the churches to offer thanks as if indeed this reconciliation was part of them, and it was a part of them. The fact that it was so far away from them in distance did not lessen their great joy but even added to their enthusiasm. It was as if there was a real festive occasion of their own country."

And then the Pope thought and began recalling the places from which telegrams had come to him, telling of the jubilation:

"We have received telegrams from Providence, Rhode Island and from San Antonio, Texas, and naturally from New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Washington and Boston. They all express this great joy."

From Cardinals and Bishops.

Then the Pope began recalling the names of cardinals and bishops.

"Yes from Cardinal Hayes and the other cardinals came a wonderful telegram and from Monsignor Schrems of Cleveland and from Monsignor Hickey, the Bishop of Providence. They say the churches never were so full and never so enthusiastic in responding to the feeling of joy which this great event means. And from all parts of North America came telegrams showing that the joy there is just as great as everywhere."

And we share this joy for we believe that it has been God's will."

Then the Holy Father turned on the subject of the recent agreement and after stating that the justice of the settlement had been recognised by such a great part of the world, said:

"Well, it is accomplished now, and what is more, the fruits of it are still to come. It is in the future that we will see the good that it will bring, for this is just the commencement. We now begin to put in force the things we have

established and there is still more work to be done."

A Last Farewell.

The Holy Father listened attentively to the correspondent telling of the manner in which the news of the agreement was diffused throughout the world. He asked how many newspapers were served from Rome by the correspondent and the countries into which this news went.

The audience had now lasted fifteen minutes and the Holy Father alluded to the work and expressed his good wishes that it should prosper. It was stated in the manner of a last greeting, whereupon it signified that the Pontiff was drawing the audience to a close. The correspondent rose and approached the Holy Father again, kneeling and kissing his ring. The Pope then pronounced his benediction in a most fatherly and reverential way. The depth of it was moving as, beside his desk, his holy hands made the sign of the cross over my head.

A Blessing.

I arose and stepped a little apart from His Holiness. He then had something more to say. He looked down at his desk and then lifted up his eyes toward me, saying: "Tell all your collaborators that they have our blessing and carry to them my invocation to God for their welfare."

The correspondent bowed before him and stepped backwards towards the entrance. Then the Pontiff waved his hands and said smilingly in English: "Good-bye."

One of the Pontiff's secret chamberlains entered and bowed to the correspondent as the latter left the Pope's presence into the ante-chamber.

Just as the correspondent emerged from the library to the ante-chamber, Professor Franz Beckunek, the Czechoslovak scientist, who accompanied General Nobile on his Polar Expedition, had appeared for his audience.

The correspondent had reached the Vatican at 12.15 for the audience. He walked up the famous Scala Regia to the Clementine Hall, which is used as a guard-room for the Swiss Guard. A score of the latter were on duty in the lavishly yellow and blue costumes, the design of which has been attributed to Michelangelo. The hall is rich in frescoes and a heavy chandelier bearing the Papal arms hangs from the lavishly ceiling, also covered with painting.

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Diary of Coming Events.

To-day. (March 28.)	Friday. (March 29.)	Saturday. (March 30.)
Maundy Thursday. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., 44th annual general meeting, H.K. Hotel, noon. Hockey: Y.M.C.A. 2nd XI. v. K.O.S.B. Sergeants, King's Park, 5 p.m. Tennis Championship Semi-Final (Lower Half). Open Doubles: S. A. and H. D. Runjahn v. T. Honda and T. Akiyama (semi-final). Queen's Theatre: "Four Sons." World Theatre: "The Play Girl." Star Theatre: "The King of Kings." Eliot Hall Concert and Dance, 8 p.m. Queen's College: Variety Entertainment, 8 p.m. Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m. Dinner Dance: Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m. European Mails: Inward: Europe via Suez (Mantua). Outward: Europe via Siberia (Chenonceaux), 12.30 p.m.	Good Friday. Cathedral Services:—Children's Service, 10 a.m.; "Three Hours," 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Christian Fellowship meeting, Helms May Institute, 10.30 a.m. Football:—Senior Division K.O.S.B. v. Police R.C., Chinese R.C. v. Small Units. Junior Division: Chinese R.C. v. St. Joseph's. Queen's Theatre: "Four Sons." World Theatre: "The Play Girl." Star Theatre: "The King of Kings." Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m. Dinner Dance: Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m. European Mails:—Outward: Europe via Siberia (Mantua), 10.30 a.m. Saturday (March 30.) Easter Eve. Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley. Golf: Easter meeting, Fanling.	Cricket:—Division I: Hong Kong C.C. v. Royal Artillery (L), Kowloon C.C. v. Chinese (F). Division II: Navy v. Hong Kong Electric (L), R.A.S.C. v. Kowloon (F), University v. H.K.C.C. (F), Civil Service v. Indians (F). Football:—Division I: Chinese v. South China, Small Units v. Club, K.O.S.B. v. Kowloon, Navy v. Police, Recreation v. Royal Artillery. Division II: South China "A" v. University, Eastern v. K.O.S.B., Queen's v. Navy, Kowloon v. R. Artillery, St. Joseph's v. S. China "B", Chinese v. Recreation, Small Units v. R.A.F. Queen's Theatre: "Four Sons." World Theatre: "Wolf Fangs." Star Theatre: "The King of Kings." Banvard Musical Comedy Co.: "Lido Lady," 9.15 p.m. Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m. Dinner Dance: Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m. European Mails:—Outward: Europe via Victoria, B.C. (Protections), 10 a.m.; Europe via Marseilles (Malwa), 10.30 a.m.

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A SPECIAL INTERVIEW WITH THE POPE.

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Papal Gendarmes.

From the Clementine Hall, the correspondent was conducted into the first reception room, where the ushers, clad in quaint red livery divested him of his overcoat and hat. In his dress-suit, which is rigidly required in all papal audiences, the correspondent was shown through the first ante-chamber, where two papal gendarmes, wearing black tunics and white breeches, high boots and tall black busbies, the scabbard of their long sabres dangling at their sides, stood guard.

In the next room, the correspondent met two noble guards in semi-full dress standing at attention with drawn swords. Here, he was met by Major Charles Vaughan, papal chamberlain, descendant of Cardinal Vaughan and the famous Vaughan prelates of the Catholic church. Major Vaughan conducted the correspondent into the first throne-room and there we stayed to await the pleasure of the Holy Father.

The walls were all hung with red damask, while the throne was in gold and red over which was suspended a red and gold baldachino. Against the two lateral walls were marble tables with two Egyptian statues. The carpet was rich in gold, red and subdued green.

Master of the Household.

A few minutes later, Major Vaughan conducted me through another ante-chamber, where there were portraits of Pope Leo XIII., Pope Pius X., and Pope Benedict XV., the three Popes immediately predecessors of the present Pontiff.

We waited here, when Monsignor Caccia Dominioni, Master of the Papal Household, appeared and told me that the Pope would receive me next. I could see into the next room, which was another throne-room. Finally, someone emerged from it and a secret chamberlain in purple bowed and invited me forward. He conducted me through the throne-room to the Pope's library, where to my great surprise, I was to find that the Pontiff was going to receive me with an unusual honour, namely that of an audience beside his desk.

The Holy Father seemed in perfect health. His cheeks were somewhat roused and he continues to bear his age with amazing youthfulness, considering that on May 31 he will celebrate his 72nd birthday. He was really robust and active and the usual signs of old age were nowhere to be found in any of his actions. His voice is clear and direct and his gestures firm and steady.

His memory is surprising. He recalled the correspondent as having translated the historic encyclical of January, 1928, *Mortalium Animos*, in which he had given his pronouncement on the various movements dealing with church unity. On that occasion, the entire encyclical of 5,000 words was translated and wired to the United Press, beginning at midnight and arriving in time for the morning newspapers. The incident came to the notice of the Pope, who expressed his pleasure on the undertaking.

The present audience is the first which the Vatican records as having been granted to a newspaperman, as such, by the present Pope. It was pointed out that newspapermen had been received by the Holy Father, but as private individuals. Pope Pius XI. has usually a shy attitude towards the Press. The honour was even more compelling since the audience took place in the Pope's private library.

VICAR GOES TO PRISON.

TAKEN TO LONDON BY A TIPSTAFF.

The Rev. Thomas Owrid, vicar of Great Strickland, near Penrith, was arrested on his committal by Mr. Justice Eve for breach of a Chancery Court injunction. The injunction restrained him from damaging and trespassing on the property of the owner of the land near the vicarage, which he claimed as Church property.

When the High Court tipstaff arrived at the vicarage Mr. Owrid said goodbye to his wife and children and smilingly entered the motor-car for Penrith. He travelled by train to Euston for Brixton Prison.

Mr. Owrid states that he regards the affair as a matter of conscience, and is prepared to take the consequences of his action.

He was a missionary in Uganda for six years, and has a wife and five children.

AMERICA'S TARIFF LAWS.

REVISION LIKELY TO CAUSE A SQUABBLE.

PRESIDENT HOOVER'S HARD TASK.

Washington (U.P.).—Revision of the tariff law, to be attempted at an early special session of Congress, will tax the political strategy, as well as the economic acumen, of President Hoover, according to the consensus of opinion at Washington. In its beginning, tariff revision was favoured as a measure of farm relief, but as the hearings developed through the months of January and February the appeals of New England manufacturing states for industrial relief through higher protection assumed a major importance, because of distress occasioned by the slump in the textile industry.

At the hearings, for example, the appeals of New England officials and labour officials were far more dramatic and impassioned than were the arguments advanced by some of the professional economists who represent the views of Western agriculturists.

Industry Versus Agriculture.

The tariff fight therefore developed along the lines of Industry versus Agriculture, or New England versus the West, and Republican leaders somewhat dismayed by the force of the drive for high protection on manufactured products, sought to confine the scope of proposed revision. That in effect meant to increase protection on farm products and impose, wherever possible, increases on industrial products.

Since the Eastern manufacturers profess to be profoundly worried about the European competition in many lines of textiles, in all kinds of metal goods, as well as cement, granite, marble, chemicals, and a thousand lesser commodities, Hoover may be storing up political enmity if he does not deal generously with the revision of the manufacturing schedules. On the other hand, if industrial as well as agricultural schedules are scaled upward, the farmers will not find themselves in a relatively favourable position than urban communities; and Hoover's farm relief programme might be crippled at its initial stage.

This clash of economic interest was especially evident in the textile lines and leather industries. Western stockmen wanted higher protection on wool, and asked that hides be removed from the "free" list. New England complained that the high prices of woollen goods, made necessary by the thirty-one per cent. duty on clean wool, have depressed the industry. Boot and shoe manufacturers have protested against the higher cost of raw materials which a duty on hides would necessitate.

Attacks from Republicans.

The entire West seemed to be behind a drive for a three-cent duty on sugar, for the benefit of the beet industry, but powerful Eastern refiners and financiers concerned over the prosperity of Cuba were making an effort to prevent an inordinate rise.

Florida and Texas fruit and vegetable men were making every effort to secure virtually prohibiting duties on many products, as figs and tomatoes, but representatives of many of the Great Eastern consuming centres were reluctant to unduly burden users of these products with excessive duties.

According to plans, the sub-committees were to deliberate and the bill, a Republican measure, would be ready for the house not later than April 20. Attacks on the bill from the Republican side were to be made as amendments offered from the floor of the House, and the minority did not intend to draft a separate bill unless the majority curtailed the amendment privilege by special rule.

The attitude of the country at large appears to indicate slowness to find expression, because of the almost complete absence of consumers' spokesmen from the two months' hearings before the House Ways and Means committee. The Republican leaders seem apprehensive that over-protection might prove highly disadvantageous to President Hoover at the very inception of his administration, and the Democrats are ready to exploit every weak spot in the Republican bill.

THREE AIRMEN KILLED.

PLANE NOSE-DIVES AND CRASHES.

SHEPHERD'S STORY OF DISASTER.

Three R.A.F. members, an officer and two men, were killed when a plane nose-dived after banking at Eastchurch, Isle of Sheppey. The victims of the disaster were Flying Officer Ingle, Leading Aircraftman Johnstone, and Leading Aircraftman Howick. The aeroplane was flying at about 500 feet, when, banking steeply, it dropped into a spin and crashed nose downwards. The front part of the engine was buried in the ground.

Johnstone, when a party arrived from the aerodrome, was still breathing, while Howick was removed to the hospital, where he died. Flying Officer Ingle was picked up dead underneath the engine. Howick had only been married a month, and was in lodgings at Station Road, Eastchurch. The machine belonged to the Coast Defence Flight stationed at Eastchurch.

Official Statement.

The following official statement was issued by the Air Ministry before Howick succumbed:—

The Air Ministry regrets to announce that as a result of an accident at Eastchurch to a Fairey 3D machine of the Armament and Gunnery School, Eastchurch, on January 30, 1929, Flying Officer Geoffrey Hugh Coningsby Ingle, pilot of the aircraft, and No. 359819 A.C.Q. George Henry Johnstone were killed. No. 33733 L.A.C. Frank Nelson Howick, the other occupant of the aircraft, was seriously injured.

A description of the accident was given by Albert Lambkin, who was minding sheep on grounds attached to the aerodrome at the time. He is employed by an Eastchurch farmer.

"I thought at first the machine was going to hit me," he said. "I was standing on the aerodrome grounds minding the sheep when I saw the plane well up in the air, about 2,000 feet I should say."

"The plane appeared to be running well; I could hear the engine purring smoothly. Suddenly the plane disappeared behind a white cloud, and when next I saw it it was spinning fairly fast to the ground."

Machine Almost Righted.

Then, when it had approached to within a distance of about 500 feet from the ground, the pilot, whom I could see by this time fairly distinctly, seemed to regain control of his machine for a few seconds. It was almost righted, but then it began to spin again.

"It hit the aerodrome at an angle of about 45 degrees in the course of its spin. It was a terrific impact. The tail of the machine broke off. I rushed up, and was the second person on the scene. There was no fire; no sound came from the men. The engine was embedded about five feet in the ground. I could see all three men. The pilot's body was terribly mutilated and entangled in the crumpled engine. Johnson appeared to be dead, too, but Howick was breathing."

"Within a few seconds a number of R.A.F. men were on the scene, and they fought desperately to free the victims."

"Then the aerodrome fire engine came up, followed by the ambulance. The fire engine was used to pull the engine of the machine away and free the body of the pilot. Howick was rushed to the hospital."

The Inquest.

Flying Officer Ingle, aged 22, was a son of Major Hugh Ingle, of Worcester, and he was educated at Newton College, leaving in 1923 after five years at the school. His father was also an old Newtonian. It is a sad coincidence that Major Ingle's other son, at present a pupil at the college, met with a serious accident while motor cycling last summer, and was unconscious for three weeks, afterwards being detained in hospital for four months. He has not yet returned to the college.

An inquest on the victims of the "plane crash"—Flying Officer Ingle, Leading Aircraftman Frank N. Howick, aged 23, married, and Aircraftman George H. Johnson, aged 22, single, was held at Sheerness, when a verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.

Evidence was given that Ingle was piloting the machine on a practice flight. He was regarded as a good average pilot.

Flight-Lieut. M. Meek said he was piloting the machine when it was dangerously near the ground after a dive, overbanked, and crashed. He considered it was an error of judgment.

The Coroner (Mr. E. C. Harris) said it seemed to have been an error of judgment on the part of the pilot in nose-diving so low before flattening out. He did not think there was any criticism the jury need make.

CHINESE STANDARD OF LIVING.

HOW THE LABOURING CLASSES FAIR.

RAPID RISES IN WAGES AND COSTS.

PEKING (U.P.).—The standard of living of the Chinese labourer in North China is a little lower than it was in pre-war years, even before the beginning of the Chinese Republic, according to figures gathered by Chinese economists in the Nankai University, who maintain a weekly statistical service.

The recent figures show that while wages have risen steadily, living costs have risen even more rapidly.

The standard of living of the Chinese labourer, which these figures show had remained almost stationary during the first quarter of this century, is now so low as to be almost incomprehensible to people in most countries of Europe. Thousands of families in Peking are living on the equivalent of \$10 gold per month.

From Politics to Economics.

It is obvious that economic conditions are more important than politics or anything else to the Chinese people in the North. The most earnest Chinese here are turning their attention from politics to economics, thus bearing out the exhortations of the Nationalist patron-saint, Dr. Sun Yat Sen, who emphasized that the most important of his Three Principles was that of the "People's Livelihood."

So long as labourers are getting a wage close to the starvation line, it does not seem probable that they can spend much thought on anything except where the next meal is coming from. It does not seem of much use to forbid the exploitation of child labour, for example, when the father of a family is working for so low a wage that his children must work or starve.

The figures gathered by the Nankai University experts apply to Peking, where the standard of living is admitted to be higher than in some parts of the interior.

The Legation Quarter.

The writer has recently gathered reliable information upon the actual wages paid in Peking today. A first-class cook, trained to cook foreign as well as Chinese food, does not make more than \$10 gold a month. A house-boy, trained to serve foreigners or Chinese, is lucky to get \$9 a month. A coolie, who does the "dirty work" in the household, gets about \$7 gold a month. And most of these workers are married and have two or three or more children.

The Legation Quarter in Peking pays its policemen a minimum wage of \$5 gold a month, and the highest wage paid to men who have served in the police force for 20 years or so, is \$17.50 gold a month. And these wages are higher than those given to the metropolitan police in the Chinese sections of the city, who are admitted to be policemen equal to any in the world. If they get \$6 gold a month, they consider themselves fortunate.

Ricksha coolies, who work for 18 hours a day, receive \$9 gold a month, and must pay out of this the rent of their ricksha, which amounts in Peking to \$3 gold a month. These, too, are mostly married men. Kiungtang reformers are endeavouring to raise the standard of living.

FORMER HUSBAND SUED.

WOMAN LOSES CLAIM FOR JEWELLERY.

The hearing of an action brought by Mrs. Violet Ethel Swan, against her former husband, Major Edward Devon Newman, of Scremby Manor, Spilby, Lincs, for the return of jewellery and furniture, was resumed at Lincoln Assizes a few days ago.

The jury found for Mrs. Swan in respect of the claim for the return of the furniture and for Major Newman with regard to the jewellery. The question of costs was deferred.

Mrs. Swan is now the wife of Colonel F. P. Swan, of Wamil Hall, Mildenhall, Suffolk.

Mr. G. J. Hurst, for Mrs. Swan, said that she claimed that the jewellery was given her by Major Newman. She denied that, when she was about to leave him she gave him it back.

The action included a claim by Mrs. Swan for £280, which represented advances from her private account which she made to Major Newman before they were married in order to enable him to pay the expenses of the wedding.

Mrs. Swan said Major Newman's income when she married him was £3,000 to £4,000 a year. She denied being extravagant.



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The first one is as follows:—

In the Train, Nov. 13, 1914. My beloved Sunny and darling Wifey,—We have finished breakfast and I have read your sweet, tender letter with moist eyes. This time I succeeded in keeping myself in hand at the moment of parting, but it was a hard struggle.

What joy and consolation it would be if we could make the whole of this journey together! My love, I miss you terribly—more than I can express in words.

My hanging trapeze has proved very practical and useful. I swung on it many times and climbed up it before meals. It is really an excellent thing for the train, it stirs up the blood and the whole organism.

What a joy and consolation it is to know that you are well and are working so much for the wounded! As our friend (Gregory Rasputin) says, it is by God's grace that in such a time you can work so hard and endure so much.

May God bless you, my beloved Wifey! I kiss you and the children lovingly. Sleep well and try to think that you are not lonely—Your hubby, Nicky.

"Your Sweet Letters."

The Czar, in another letter, writes:—

"Stavka (Military Headquarters), March 2, 1915. 'My tenderly beloved,—I thank you from my heart for your two sweet letters. Every time that I see the envelope with your firm writing, my heart leaps several times, and I shut myself up and read, or more correctly absorb, the letter.'

"Of course, the girls can bathe in my swimming-bath; I am glad that the Little One [the Czarevitch] enjoys it so much; I asked the rogue to write to me about all this!"

A telegram, dated Stavka, March 9, 1915, follows:—

"My beloved Sunny,—How am I to thank you for your two charming letters and for the lilies? I press them to my face and kiss often the places which I think were touched by your dear lips."

"God grant that I may return by the 11th—probably at ten o'clock in the morning. What joy to be again in one's own nest—snuggly and closely (in every sense) together!"

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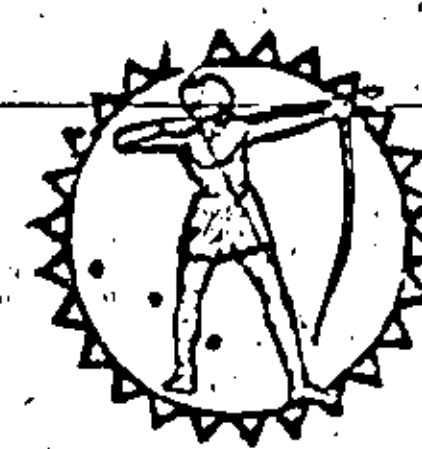
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SPORT AND ATHLETICS.

WIMBLEDON "AVALANCHE."

The wonderful grip that lawn tennis has obtained on the public is clear from the widespread interest which is being taken in the ballot for seats at the championships at Wimbledon, though this tournament will not take place for three months. Possibly, the only sporting event which vies in any way with Wimbledon in advance interest is the English Cup Final at Wembley.

The ballot for season tickets for Wimbledon has usually been almost completed by February, but it is obvious from a statement by the manager and secretary of the All-England Club that the public will have some time to wait before they know their luck in the ballot.

So numerous are the applications that the task of sorting and filing them is only halfway towards completion. Some £25,000 was returned to unsuccessful applicants last year, but this sum is certain to be largely exceeded. The odds against success in the ballot were estimated at the beginning of the month as 7 to 1 against, but they have now risen to 10 to 1 against.

Twenty-five thousand people can be accommodated in the grounds of the All-England Club. Three times that number would attend if they could. The question of increasing the capacity of the ground is a pressing but difficult problem which, it is understood, is being seriously considered by the authorities.

BILLIARDS BREEZE.

Willie Smith has received a cable from Walter Lindrum, whom he has challenged for the world's billiards championship, in which the Australian states he will not play Smith unless the latter gives him his first two games in Australia.

Smith, at Crewe, said his first two games in Australia would be with Fred Lindrum, a brother of Walter, to whom he will concede 10,000.

"Walter has consistently evaded me during the past three years," said Smith.

BRIGHTON'S NEW BATHING POOL.

The construction of a new £175,000 open-air bathing-pool, 330 feet long and 120 feet wide, with 500 dressing-cabins, a restaurant, and terraced seating accommodation for 1,500 people, has been decided upon by the Brighton Town Council.

The site of the pool will be next to the Brighton pier, and it will be the largest in England. It has not yet been decided when building will commence.

An amendment to defer consideration of the project for three months on the ground of its enormous expense was defeated by a large majority.

KILLED AT HOCKEY.

The rare incident of a fatal accident in a hockey match is reported from Thale, in the Harz. During the course of a school match a 13-year-old boy was accidentally struck by a stick in the eye, fell senseless to the ground, and died shortly afterwards.

WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP IN THAMES.

The question whether H. A. Barry should meet Major Goodsell for the world's championship in California was settled at the annual dinner of the Barnes Bridge Rowing Club in London. A few days previously Barry received a message from Goodsell stating that he could have \$3,500 to race in San Francisco, California, but Sir Charles Allom announced that Barry had sent the following reply: "Thanks, anxious to race, but could not consider your proposal. Inducement insufficient. Public will expect and I prefer race on Thames. If you make deposit with any well known bank here will cover immediately and Board of Control will settle terms." Sir Charles also stated that a Board of Control was in course of formation, and the chief object of the Board would be to look after the champion. Barry was presented with a silver salver and a cheque towards his training expenses for the forthcoming championship race.

ANGLO-GERMAN TENNIS.

Sir Samuel Hoare, the Minister of Air, was re-elected president of the Lawn Tennis Professionals' Association at the annual meeting of that body in London. It was stated that the Association had made excellent progress in the past year.

Reference was made to the hospitality accorded the English players by the Germans in a match in Berlin last year. Bouquets were given to the team, and the expenses, which totalled £124, were defrayed by the German body. An invitation has been received from Germany to play another international match, and a suggestion that the world's championship be held in Berlin and London in alternate years has also been sent by the German Association.

GREYHOUND RACING.

Lord Askwith, presiding at the annual meeting of the National Greyhound Racing Society of Great Britain in London, said that in spite of the attacks on the sport 13,500,000 people had attended greyhound racing, and of this number 6,500,000 in London alone. This was an increase over the preceding year of more than 8,000,000. It could not, therefore, be said that greyhound racing was a dying sport.

The council and officers were re-elected en bloc. The following continue in office: President, Lord Askwith (White City, Manchester); vice-presidents, Sir William Gentile (G.R.A., Manchester, and G.R.A., Isle of Thanet); Major-General the Lord Loch (Greyhound Racing Association).

ATTEMPT TO BEAT A MOTOR RECORD.

Motor racing enthusiasts are promised an unusual thrill at Brooklands' opening meeting of the 1929 season on Easter Monday, when Kaye Don will attempt to beat his own record of 131.78 miles an hour on that famous track.

Don beat the then existing record while winning the Gold Star last year.

"This year I am going all out to beat my own record by at least ten miles an hour," he said recently. "I shall be using my super-charged four litre Sunbeam, which is capable of 130-140 miles an hour."

Mr. Don, who is the idol of the Brooklands crowd, and the winner of last year's T.T. Race in Ulster, as well as the British Race Drivers' Championship, is out to win both these events this year, and beat the world's motor-car speed record at Daytona; in addition he is competing in the three new events of the British motor-racing season—the Irish Motor Race in Phoenix Park, the Junior Car Club Double Twelve Hour Race, and the B.R.D.C. 500 Miles Race.

To obtain 140 miles an hour at Brooklands, Mr. Don will have to go perilously near the top of the members' banking before swooping down to the railway straight for his speed burst.

BOXING.

The statement by Mr. Dan Sullivan, Len Harvey's backer, after the latter's recent defeat of Frank Moody, that he would back Harvey for £1,000 a side against Phil Scott, has produced the following reply from Scott:

"Although I think the match is ridiculous," he said, "considering the disparity in the size and weight of Harvey and myself—I weigh 15st. 7lb., and Harvey only 11st. 2lb.—I shall be quite happy to meet Len Harvey provided Mr. Sullivan puts up his £1,000. I will quickly cover it."

NEW STARTING-GATE.

The stewards of the Jockey Club have given notice to clerks of the course that arrangements have been made for the manufacture and supply of the new firm barrier gate.

The barrier itself can be obtained at a cost of eight guineas delivered to any race-course in Great Britain; and the posts, guides, etc., at a cost of £28 f.o.r. Newmarket. If it is found unnecessary to have a separate set of rubber cords for each gate, there would be a proportionate reduction in the charge.

It has been found that the up-rights made use of with the old gates are not suitable, and in all cases new up-rights must be obtained.

The stewards wish it to be understood that they require all race-courses to be equipped with the new firm barrier gate in time for the coming season. Clerks of the course are, therefore, recommended in case of no time in communicating with the manufacturers.

THE WOMAN'S CORNER.

YOUR HOME AND MINE.

INVALID COOKERY.

The important factors in the preparation of food for the sick are three—that the food be plain, wholesome and well-cooked.

For the patient who is not yet off the liquid diet, there are those old stand-bys, broth and gruel. But the broth-and-gruel patient presents a delicate situation; for the knack of varying the liquid diet to make it enticing and the usual lack of appetite in this condition is a combination to be reckoned with.

Egg and milk drinks, with nutmeg or with chocolate (if the latter flavour is not forbidden the patient), while not exotic or new, are at least a palatable means of taking raw eggs, and of helping to reduce the daily milk ration. Milk can be further got away with in an orange drink, or a lemon or vanilla egg nog, or by using it in the preparation of a cereal beverage.

Rice water and barley water are often included in the diet. Prepare rice water by boiling three tablespoons of rice in three cups of water until the rice is tender. Strain, and add to the rice water salt to taste and milk or a little cream. Then reheat before serving. A small stick of cinnamon may be cooked with the rice.

Make barley water as follows: boil for one and one-half hours two tablespoons of pearl barley in three cups of boiling water. Let it boil evenly and gently, adding more water as it boils away. Strain, add salt to taste, and if desired, lemon juice and sugar. It can be served either hot or cold.

Grape juice is also relished, and can be used with the white of an egg. Beat the white very stiff, and add to two tablespoons of grape juice in a punch cup. Then add a little chopped ice, and sprinkle sugar on top if the grape juice is not sweet enough.

When the patient gets past the liquid food stage, the diet becomes much more interesting, and there are many more possibilities of tempting the palate. The different ways of preparing custard, tapioca,

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Orange Juice
Oatmeal Gruel
Egg and Milk Drink Flavoured with Nutmeg
SOFT FOODS DIET
Chicken Custard
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Strained Apple Sauce
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Hot Chocolate

cornstarch puddings, gelatines, blanc mange, junket and ice cream are a good subject for the imagination and test of culinary resourcefulness.

A dainty way to prepare steak for one who is just beginning to eat meat is to make flat, round cakes from the meat pulp scraped from a tender steak, and seasoned with salt and pepper, and broil the cakes for two minutes in the oven on in a very hot frying pan. Cut bread in rounds, toast, butter thinly, and use as a base for the meat cakes.

BEAUTY.

OVER THIRTY.

It behoves every woman over thirty (no matter how much!) to watch the skin round the eyes and under the chin for signs of advancing and unwelcome years.

To keep the skin smooth, clear and firm (all of which makes for youthfulness), it is important to take good care of it. Cleansing, as always, comes first. The choice and frequent use of a good cleansing cream are of primary importance. Use your astringent lotion just as regularly as it tends to tighten up the skin and prevent flabbiness and wrinkles.

The skin food you use should be of the best—and rather richer and heavier than that needed by a younger woman. It should be patted into the skin every night briskly and allowed to remain on until morning. If the skin is well-lubricated and stimulated it will age less quickly. In your patting, give special attention to your eyes and chin. Use the fingertips to pat, quite gently, around the eyes with the upward and outward movement. For the other, begin under the chin and pat up toward the ears on both sides.

Don't strain your eyes and remember to hold your head erect.

ECOSSAIS.

Checks and tartans seem to be favoured in all kinds of stuffs this season. They are called "Eccossais," although very few resemble the Highland tartans. A modern French designer's conception of "Scotch" is often amusing. There are even "Scotch" tomponce umbrellas for the Parisienne!

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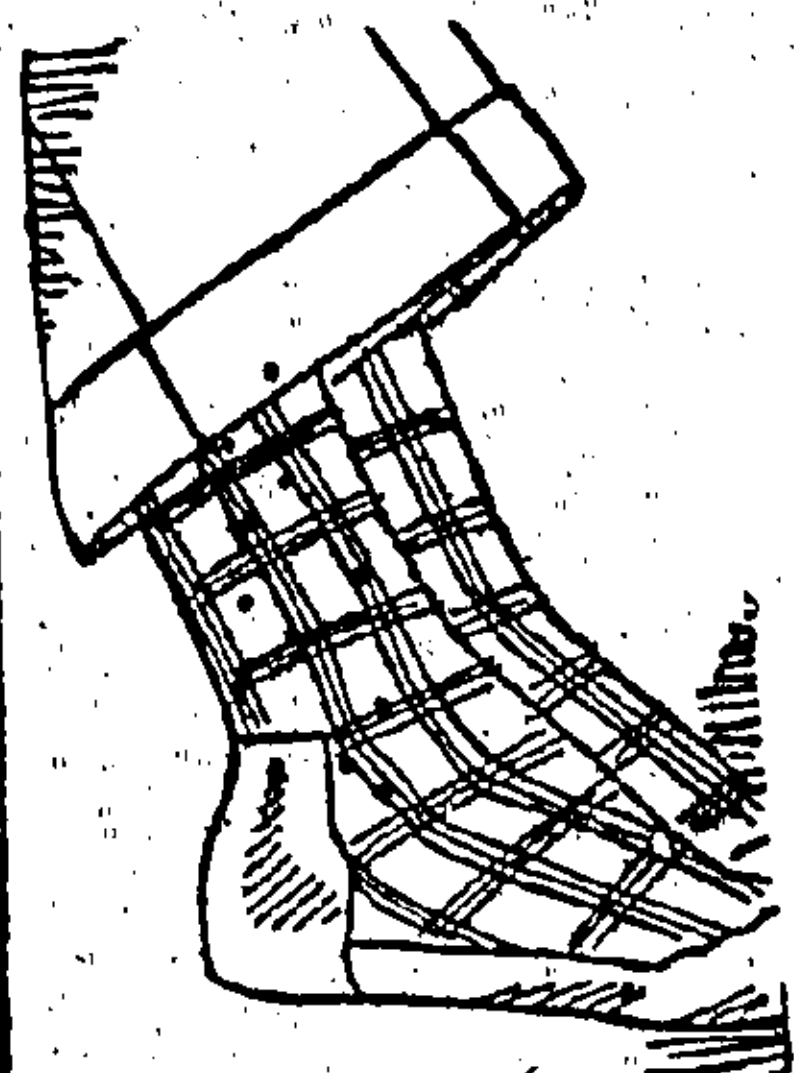
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CORONER'S SEARCHING QUESTIONS
TO P.W.D. OFFICIAL.

Searching questions were put to Mr. Wright, a P.W.D. official, by Mr. E. W. Hamilton, who sat as Coroner with a jury at the resumed inquiry yesterday afternoon into the King Edward Hotel fire disaster, in which eleven persons lost their lives. Evidence of great interest and importance was given by a member of the bodyguard of General Chen Ming Shu and also by Mr. Brooks, the Superintendent of the Hong Kong Fire Brigade.

The jury consisted of Mr. N. S. Brown (foreman), Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, and Mr. C. Little.

Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, jr., held a watching brief for the proprietors of the hotel business, Mr. Hin Shing Lo represented Mr. Wittichell (the licensee), and Mr. H. C. Lee appeared on behalf of the owners of the building.

The police are still desirous of getting into touch with witnesses of any part of the tragedy.

QUESTIONS ABOUT INSURANCE
AND REPAIRS.

Mr. Jas. Wittichell, the Manager, said the two watchmen were engaged by the proprietors. He also gave orders to the staff. He only knew three of the proprietors. He generally got his instructions from Yu Shing Chen.

Coroner: As manager, do you know anything about the insurance of the contents of the hotel?

Witness: Nothing at all.

How long have the present proprietors been in possession?—Mr. Yu has been there with Mr. Cheung since 1923.

Within the last 12 months are you aware that a large sum of money has been spent on the building?—Yes, in white washing, repainting and alterations to the rooms, replacing bed-springs and general layout.

Mr. Wright: I have no information on that point. The plans should have been submitted, of course.

Rent Arrears Mentioned.

Witness went on to say that a considerable amount of money had been spent on the hotel. So far as he knew, the proprietors only had a monthly tenancy of the building. He knew that about four months ago they had received notice to terminate the lease but nothing happened. The partners were in charge of the matter.

It was really a question of getting the rent paid but a guarantee was given that it would be paid by the stipulated time.

The only three partners he knew were Mr. Yu Shu Shan, Mr. Po Ping Kwong and Mr. Cheung Fu Kwong.

In reply to Mr. Lo, witness said it was only since the fire that he had come to know anything about the insurance at all. He now knew the hotel was insured for \$140,000 with several companies. The payment of rent for which the proprietors of the building asked was partly in arrears.

It was about December or January last, he thought, when rent was paid. The business had been flourishing during the last few years.

Mr. Lee submitted that there were a few months' arrears of rent last year but rent up to the end of February was paid up.

A Lucky Escape.

Au Yeung Pong, said he had been in hospital. He was an attendant of General Chen Ming Shu. He occupied room 207 on the second floor and was awakened by the blowing of whistles. He went on to the verandah and saw people running about in the roadway below. He did not realise what had actually happened so he went back to bed.

After a moment, he did not feel satisfied that all was well so he got out of bed, opened the door of the room, and saw smoke. He started to go up to the third floor with the intention of warning the General's party, although he was not aware that the General had returned to spend the night in the hotel.

He could only get half-way up the stairs when he was driven back by smoke. Returning to his room he snatched some clothes from his wardrobe and a companion ran with him out of the room. The main stairs were then on fire. They did not know how to escape, so ran about in the vicinity of the lift shaft. They did not know where the fire escape was.

Taken Down in the Lift.

They waited a moment and the lift came up. As they were strangers the lift boy took them down in the lift to the ground floor. They saw flames near the lift and by the staircase. They then ran out of the hotel into the roadway. Witness did not notice exactly what was on fire. His face and hands were scorched as he entered the lift.

Mr. King: Did the lift descend without stopping?

Witness: Yes. On reaching the ground floor we rushed into the street at once.

In reply to the Coroner, witness said he had no time to stay and put on his clothes but ran out with them over his arm.

After giving evidence, witness returned to the hospital.

Mr. Wright's Evidence.

Mr. Wright, Assistant Director of Public Works, said that plans for dividing Royal building into two separate buildings were submitted to him in 1927. The principal features of this plan seemed to be the erection of an iron fire escape ladder on the west face (Savoy Hotel end) and the installation of water closets. The plans was approved in October, 1927.

There was an opening which led off Mr. Woods' room which it was proposed to brick up. Partitions on the fifth and fourth floor verandahs were not passed. Certain openings must have been closed without permission. Witness knew that the dividing would mean the closing of certain corridors.

Coroner's Questions.

Coroner: In view of two hotels being brought into being in place of one by the division, did it occur to you that fire precautions for both hotels needed consideration?

Mr. Wright: I was out of the Colony at the time but I imagine that the Savoy Hotel was considered.

Witness went on to say that the Savoy Hotel plans were submitted to the fire brigade who reported that hydrants were required. The building was certified in 1905. In September, 1919, the police fire brigade required hydrants to be installed in the King Edward Hotel.

Verandah An Advantage.

Coroner: Do you consider verandahs an advantage in a fire?—Yes, Your Worship.

When the fire brigade put in a fire main, the P.W.D. did not require a fire escape to be put in, so far as witness knew. On that point he wished to emphasise that the P.W.D. had no legal power to enforce a fire escape. Although Section 149 of the Buildings Ordinance was "arguable" it had not been the practice in the past.

Coroner: It seems to me that the people who were responsible for seeing that the fire main was installed should have been able to have had a fire escape erected. Are there other buildings in the town as bad as the King Edward Hotel in this respect?

Dangerous Buildings.

Witness: Yes, Your Worship. Many large office blocks in which there is very grave danger of people losing their lives in a fire. If I went down now I could point to many. Yet I could not enforce fire escapes being erected because there is no Ordinance.

Mr. King: We have no legal remedy. If I went into a building and saw danger of a King Edward disaster we could do nothing. In the event of licensed premises being concerned we could refuse to renew the licence.

Coroner: Do you think it would be possible to look at some of the big buildings in the town and see how many of them offer extreme danger in the event of fire?

Mr. Wright: Yes, but it would take a long time. If we wrote a letter to the owners and warned them they would be in an awkward position if a disaster did occur. When we are able to insist on fire stairs being installed, we do not insist on the use of "panic" bolts, save in the case of theatres.

Legislation Needed.

Coroner: Not in an hotel?—I don't think so. But, if they were, periodical inspection would be necessary. I suggest that Section

149 should be amended as early as possible to make periodical inspection of fire escapes and appliances possible. At present, nobody is responsible. I am of opinion that in buildings like the hotel, and even in view of the fact that the stone staircase represented a fire escape, an outside fire escape is necessary. I should insist on this in connection with all new buildings.

Continuing, witness said he thought the concrete staircase was unsatisfactory and should be provided separate from lavatories and servants' quarters.

Coroner: Do you think it is the duty of the Government to see that adequate fire appliances are maintained by owners and that the Government should check negligence?—No.

Could your department undertake inspection under present conditions?—I am afraid not, Your Worship.

London and Hong Kong.

Coroner: Why is Hong Kong different from England where, the jury are informed, periodical inspection takes place?—For theatres it is done. I know, but I do not think hotels and offices are periodically examined. Periodically inspections of theatres are made when licences are renewed but I do not know what happens in between. Hotels are public buildings.

If it were necessary for licences for hotels to be enforced by legislation, you could enforce regulations with regard to fire escapes?—Yes.

Witness then gave a description of the construction of the hotel and concluded by saying that the P.W.D. did not know the door at the bottom of the King Edward Hotel staircase was bolted. Had they done so, they would have objected.

Fire Chief's Story.

Mr. Henry T. Brooks, Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, said the alarm call was received from the street alarm near the King Edward Hotel at 6 minutes past 3. A fire engine and escape with one Chinese sub-officer and seven men was immediately sent out from Central Fire Station. This was followed by another motor pump in charge of Station Officer Smith and nine Chinese firemen a minute later.

Witness despatched a motor turntable ladder which left with five firemen at 8 minutes past 3. He looked out at his window and saw a dull red glow which might have been caused by a motor cycle alight in the road.

He sent out another motor pump and fire float. Four minutes from the time of the first call the float left its mooring. When he got downstairs he received a request from the officer on the scene of the fire for more assistance. Mr. Moss had just left on his motor cycle and witness followed him in his car.

Upper Floors Blazing.

Upon arrival, witness saw the three upper floors of the hotel alight. A line of hose was led into the front entrance of the hotel. Mr. Moss, firemen, policemen and others were engaged in what witness took to be the laying-out of hose for attacking.

He sent a European civilian to telephone a brigade call. That would call every appliance in the Colony save two pumps at hotel.

Running into the lounge, witness saw that the whole of the staircase was alight and collapsed, and the upper stairs were hanging from the walls. The fireman with the hose stood as close as he could to the stairs.

Leaving the hotel, witness was met by Mr. Wittichell, who pointed to a person standing on a stone ornamentation above the main entrance and in line with the third floor. He was rescued by the turntable escape. He was 83 feet above the ground.

A Jumping Sheet.

Immediately afterwards, witness noticed a jumping sheet being held by firemen and others in Ice House Street. A person on the third floor verandah waved something white. The sheet was well-manned. Telling the men in charge to move the sheet more into position, witness shouted to the man to wait.

The escape rescued him. This was the American sailor who had swarmed down a sheet from the fourth floor.

There appeared to be no other persons to be rescued but three men were ordered to stand by with raised escapes and turntables in Ice House Street while witness turned his attention to 15 hoses which were playing on the blaze.

Three of these were from private hydrants in the Savoy Hotel and two from a naval tug.

Two sub-officers who went up an escape to rescue people first noticed the Savoy Hotel on fire.

Fire Well in Hand.

The fire was well in hand by 8.15 and Des Vaux Road ready for traffic by 7.30. The tramway current had been switched off in order that the turntable ladders could be used.

In reply to the Coroner, witness said it was not until Dr. Thomas mentioned that people had been killed by jumping that witness knew of any such deaths. The jumping sheets were in perfect condition.



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7 from multiple injuries caused in jumping into the sheet.
General Chen, his wife, and an American sailor were saved by the sheets in Ice House Street. Three of these people jumped from the second floor.

Lighter Not Available.

Coroner: No more than 12 jumped!—That is all.

Everyone who jumped in Des Vaux Road was killed?—Yes.

Witness said the officer in charge of Kowloon was unable to get a lighter to get the engines across the harbour because the lighter was not available. They tried to get one of the Blue Funnel lighters but it was not available.

Coroner: Why has not the fire brigade their own lighter?—I have already pointed out the necessity but we have not had one of our own before. It did not make any difference to this fire our not getting the Kowloon pumps over but if the Savoy Hotel had collapsed it is quite possible that Alexandra Building and Princes Building

would have caught fire. In that case, the Kowloon machines would have been wanted.

Witness said that the men in charge of the first two appliances acted on their own initiative. He knew that the first crew concentrated on life saving and made no attempt to put out the fire. A policeman put on the first hose connection. All the jumping was over by the time witness arrived. The last person was rescued at 17 or 18 minutes past three—12 minutes after the blaze started and 10 minutes after the arrival of the first appliance.

Witness said there was a good pressure of water. He was confident that no hose was leaking very badly. They had all been renewed. Witness was quite satisfied with the appliances at his disposal.

Coroner: Was it possible to get ropes across from Alexandra and Princes Buildings?—No. It may have depleted the numbers of men on the jumping sheet. We do not carry heavy lines. Our smallest rope is 2½ inches. Our lowering lines are 3 inches. Again, what can they do with the end of a rope?

Coroner: Could not the sailors have made them fast and swarmed down them?—No. The smoke would have overcome them. Ropes are not known as fire brigade rescue apparatus anywhere in the world. The inquiry was then adjourned until 2.15 this afternoon.

CHANG FAT FUI TO ATTACK KWANGTUNG.

SPECIAL TASK FOR "IRONSIDES" AND SEMI-RED GENERAL.

WAR PREPARATIONS IN FULL SWING.

INVITATION TO HSU CHUNG CHI.

Nothing is more likely to make the Kwangtung forces fight hard and the whole province stand solid behind them than the news that the semi-red Chang Fat Fui has been appointed to a command in South Kiangsi and it is with his troops that the first clash is expected.

Our Chinese correspondent describes below the situation and movements of troops and leaders, which those interested in the crisis can follow for themselves on the map.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

A HATED GENERAL.

Canton, March 27. Extensive war preparations in Canton continue unabated, in spite of appeals for peace by General Chen Ming Shu, the civil head of the Kwangtung Provincial Government, who is still in hospital in Hong Kong.

General Tang Shih Tsang, the Canton Garrison Commander, has stated that war-like preparations will cease if Chiang Kai Shek releases Marshal Li Tsai Hsin and withdraws his troops from the troubled areas in Central China. "Empty talk will lead us nowhere," he added. "Have not Messrs. Wu Tze Hui, Chang Ching King and other old members of the Kuomintang pleaded and pleaded with Chiang Kai Shek for the release of Marshal Li Tsai Hsin? What have they accomplished? Nothing."

ANOTHER CONFERENCE HELD.

Another conference was held yesterday afternoon at the Military Headquarters, the proceedings being secret and no statement made. Marshal Chiang Kai Shek still has not replied to Canton's ultimatum and the local Government "are taking the necessary steps."

The Canton Naval Department also called a meeting of its senior officers to discuss war plans. All forts and warships in the province have been ordered to keep a sharp lookout for pirates and the two new gunboats, Chung Yuen and Chang Kai, have been ordered to patrol between Macao Fort and Whampoa night and day.

If Chiang Kai Shek has, as reported, despatched Admiral Yang Shu Chwang, of the Northern Fleet, to take over the Canton Navy, a stiff fight will result.

POLITICAL COUNCIL TO REMAIN.

Following the severance of relations with Nanking the Canton Government has decided not to abolish the Political Council. It will be remembered that Nanking ordered the dissolution of all Political Councils before the 15th of March. The local authorities hold that the continued functioning of the Council is still indispensable at this critical period. The abolition of the Headquarters of the 5th Military Route, which had also been ordered by Nanking some months ago, will of course not be carried out.

FURTHER PROTESTS.

The Provincial and Municipal Kuomintangs are solidly behind the Canton Government in regard to the latter's policy and military activities. At a meeting held yesterday these organizations decided to send a sharp note to Chiang Kai Shek, demanding the release at once of Marshal Li Tsai Hsin and stating that they had learned with the deepest regret that Marshal Chiang Kai Shek had, without any reason whatever, forcibly detained Marshal Li Tsai Hsin, and Messrs. Hu Han Min and Chang Ching King.

"The Third National Congress of the Kuomintang is the highest authority of the Party. All the delegates have a right to attend it and to exercise their powers and rights. But contrary to the principles of the Party, you (Chiang Kai Shek) have controlled and exploited the Congress by the use of military force for your own aggrandizement! You are a leader of the Party. Why did you do such a thing? Marshal Li has supported you loyally for years retelling every kind of rumour. All these things are well known to every one. He went to Nanking as the head of the delegation of the Liang Kwang Provinces to the Third National Congress of the Kuomintang at your own invitation. Moreover, he was appointed by you as a member of the commission for the investigation of the Wuhan dispute. Why should you arrest him and other old and faithful members of the Party? There is absolutely no justification for your act whatever; and you are asked to release Marshal Li at once. This is the only way to dispense the dark war clouds gathering everywhere."

The Kwangtung Merchants' Federation, the Provincial Labour Federation and the Mechanics' Union have sent similar messages to Nanking.

MORTGAGING AN ARMED LAUNCH.

CHARGES AGAINST HONG KONG AGENT.

SMART NEPHEW OF HONEST OLD CAPTAIN.

An odd story of alleged fraud by the brisk young nephew of an honest looking old captain of a sea-going junk was unfolded yesterday at the Central Magistracy before Mr. E. W. Hamilton when Mak Chan Loong was charged with fraudulently mortgaging an armed launch to Dr. R. A. Basto, a local medical practitioner, and obtaining a large sum of money thereby. Mak is alleged also to have forged the name of a dead man.

Mr. H. G. Sheldon, instructed by Russell & Co., appeared for the complainants, and Mr. Leo d'Almada Castro, Esq., for the defendant. Mr. Sheldon said that on account of the prevalence of piracy in 1927, seven porcelain firms of Canton formed an association, the Po On Company, for the purpose of purchasing and equipping an armed launch to convoy junks between Swatow and Canton.

They bought a launch, the San Chiu On, and appointed one of their number, named Ng Shing, a partner in the Yuen Hop firm, as managing partner.

An old and trusted skipper of one of their junks, Mak Kut Chung, was given the command of the launch. As he was not conversant with the Hong Kong Harbour regulations, etc., he got his employers to appoint his nephew, the defendant, as their Hong Kong agent. The defendant was engaged in March, 1927, on a salary of \$30 a month.

Ng Shing died on February 6, of last year, in Canton, and Chan Wan Po was appointed managing partner of the Po On in Ng Shing's place.

Monetary Difficulties.

On January 25 of this year, a letter was received by Mr. Chan Wan Po from the defendant telling a story about trouble with a "rough fellow" Lau Ng, and asking for money to smooth matters. In short, defendant asked for a loan of \$125.

The money was not sent because only 12 days before defendant had been given a three months' advance on his wages to tide over the New Year.

The launch arrived in Hong Kong about January 26, and all the crew were given New Year shore leave. They left the ship, and stayed here, but the master returned to Canton where he reported on certain matters to the partners, and stayed for some days.

In consequence of certain reports reaching them, the master and some of the partners came down to Hong Kong this year. To their surprise, they found the ship deserted except for two Indian watchmen.

Defendant Had Disappeared.

On February 9, a deed of mortgage for \$3,000 was executed in respect of the launch in the offices of Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios, between parties named as Ng Shing on the one part and Robert Alexander de Castro Basto, medical practitioner of Hong Kong, on the other part. Ng Shing's name was signed to the document as the owner and mortgagor of the launch, and was witnessed by one Tong Yau, who, in fact, was the chief engineer of the vessel.

Defendant, it was alleged, had forged the late Ng Shing's name to the document, while it was further alleged, that at the time of the signing of the mortgage, defendant had a launch licence, an arms licence, and the Chinese Maritime Customs permit which he pretended were his and which entitled him to put through the transaction.

The matter was of great importance to the complainants in that complications arising from the case might compromise their chances of a continuance of the launch licence, with the Canton authorities.

Since the present proceedings were started, said Mr. Sheldon, defendant had been behaving in a curious way. He was seen in the company of the former chief engineer of the launch and eight other men, thought to be rowdies, following and loitering about the house where the master was staying.

If intimidation of witnesses was being considered, a warning from the Court might be useful.

The case was adjourned.

ATTEMPTED ARMED ROBBERY.

STOUT RESISTANCE PREVAILS.

An attempted armed robbery was reported to have occurred yesterday morning at No. 60, Lai-chikok Road. The inmates were having breakfast when three men entered the flat and one pointed a revolver at the chief tenant and said "be quiet." The man refused to be gagged and in the struggle he was stabbed in the head. Cries for help were raised and the robbers ran off throwing their weapons on the stairway.

YAUMATI STREET SHOOTING AFFAIR.

INQUEST ON CHILD WHO WAS KILLED.

ONLY FOUR SHOTS FIRED BY THE POLICE.

LANCE-SERGT. HENDERSON'S EVIDENCE.

An inquest was opened at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon into the circumstances of the death of a Chinese girl, named Wong Mui Tsai, who was shot in Yaumati on the morning of March 8. Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith acted as Coroner, with a special jury consisting of Messrs. J. A. Plummer (foreman), Wong Kam Fuk, and Cheng Shou Yan.

At the outset the Coroner remarked that the object of the inquiry was to investigate the circumstances of the death of a young Chinese girl. This was not a prosecution. The object was to get all information available on the subject. It will be remembered that shots were fired during a police pursuit of an alleged offender, and that three children were hit, one with fatal results.

Medical Evidence.

Dr. D. J. Valentine, Medical Officer in charge of the Kowloon Hospital, said that the girl was brought to the hospital at 11.15 a.m. on March 8 suffering from bullet wounds. There was an entrance wound and an exit wound. The entrance wound was just below the jaw on the left side, while the exit wound was behind the neck on the right side. The child was admitted to the hospital and treatment carried out at once. It would seem that there was injury to the spinal cord. She was paralysed from the neck downwards, and remained in a critical condition until the early hours of the next morning when her breathing got worse. She died at 4 a.m. on March 9. The post mortem revealed that the bullet had passed through the spinal cord. This was the cause of death as it caused a paralysis of respiration. The deceased was identified by her father and Inspector Lane who brought her to the Hospital the previous day. The Coroner questioned the doctor as to whether the wound gave any indication as to the distance at which the shot was fired. Witness replied that the fact that it went right through the bone of the neck indicated that the shot, assuming that it was a revolver shot, was fired moderately close.

Asked to give his idea of the distance, witness replied that in his opinion it was not greater than 50 yards.

Witness was also questioned by Mr. Plummer, the foreman of the Jury who asked for an explanation of the upward direction of the bullet wound in the neck. Witness replied that the entrance and exit wounds were practically level. There was no indication of ricochet.

How the Shot was Fired. Lance-Sergeant R. L. Henderson in the witness box said that in company with Sub-Inspector Murphy and three Chinese detectives and a prisoner he went to King's Park, Kowloon at 9 a.m. on the morning of March 8. The prisoner, a former "boy" of No. 3 Police Station, Wanchai had been arrested in connection with the theft of three revolvers from the Station. One of the revolvers was found in his possession and he took the party to Kowloon where he volunteered to find the other two weapons. At King's Park he pointed to a crevice in a building where the second revolver was found. The prisoner then offered to take the police to find the third revolver and mentioned something in Cantonese naming Tai Kok Tsui. He led the party to Reclamation Street and into Pitt Street towards the waterfront. On the way back they saw a Chinese, suddenly start to run towards Reclamation Street. The prisoner pointed to the man running and said "There is the man. He has the revolver."

The police immediately gave chase, with witness leading. The fugitive ran along Reclamation Street and turned down Pitt Street, thence into Hamilton Street and down a scavenging lane. Whilst running down the scavenging lane, witness saw the man bring his right hand over to his left hip and at the same time glance back. Witness, who was then about 30 yards behind, drew his revolver and fired two shots at the man but evidently missed him. The man ran out of

the Lane towards Mongkok. While in Canton Road witness fired a number of shots at the man but still without effect. The fugitive was then 40 to 50 yards ahead. He turned out of Canton Road into Sai Street, where witness lost sight of him.

Nobody About. When he fired his first two shots in the scavenging lane no one else was in the place. Nor was there anyone about when witness fired his next two shots in Canton Road. People had all scattered on hearing the hue and cry.

Returning to the scene of the first shooting, a small girl named Wong Mui Tsai, about 10 years of age was found lying against a street water hydrant in Dundas Street having been shot through the right cheek. A Chinese girl named Leung Tai Mui, about 12 years of age, had been shot through the right arm, and a boy, named Chan Kam, shot through the right leg. The injured children were immediately sent to hospital.

The Coroner asked whether the three wounded children were lying close together. Witness replied that only the deceased, Wong Mui Tsai, was lying in the roadway. The other two children came along later with their parents to the water hydrant. They evidently ran home after being shot.

Coroner: "Did anyone else except you fire a shot?" "No, not that I know of."

The Fatal Shots. Coroner: "When you fired your first two shots how far would you have been from the fountain?" "About 70 yards."

Coroner: "Did you see anyone lying on the ground when you ran past the street fountain?" "I saw no one."

Further questioned, witness said that he led the pursuing party the whole time. The fugitive was gaining on witness from the first especially in Canton Road. The fugitive would have obstructed his view of the end of the scavenging lane as it was only about 6 or 8 feet wide.

Coroner: Which shot do you think hit the girl? You need not answer the question if you do not wish to. Could the victims have been hit by the first two shots or the second two shots?"

Witness replied that they could not have been hit by the second two shots, but remarked that he could not say as to the first two shots. The fugitive did not fire any shots, and as far as he knew he was the only one who fired from the pursuing party. The time when the fugitive placed his right hand to his left hip was the only indication he gave that he might be going to fire.

Mr. T. Murphy, A.S.P., remarked to the Coroner that he would bring evidence to prove that the latecy was a felony, which justified the police in the use of firearms. In any case possession of the revolver was a misdemeanour.

The Coroner remarked that he would be glad if Mr. Murphy would produce a copy of the rules governing the circumstances under which the police might use firearms.

In answer to Mr. Plummer who enquired as to the prisoner, Mr. Murphy said that both the fugitive and the prisoner guiding them at the time in question were now in the custody of the police pending their being charged.

The inquiry will be resumed this afternoon at 2.45 p.m.

A DILAPIDATED FACTORY.

PROPRIETOR SEVERELY PUNISHED.

A plea of guilty was entered by the proprietor of a Hat Factory in Prince Edward Road, who was summoned before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday for failing to provide a fence for the protection of the machinery belts.

The factory is a series of Chinese tenement houses converted for the purpose of making hats. Government officials paid a visit to the premises and found them in a very bad state. The entire building vibrated and no precautionary

measures had been taken to ensure the safety of the workers. The place was a source of danger and the prosecution pressed for the imposition of the maximum penalty.

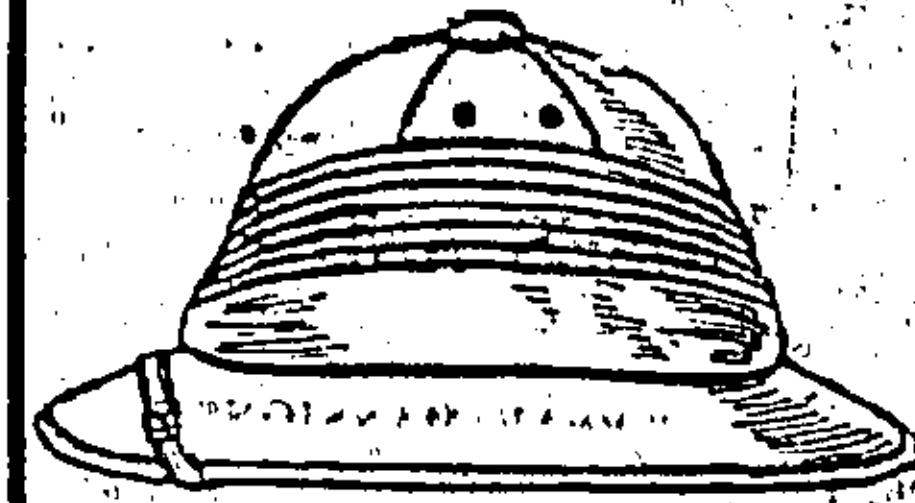
The defendant said that he did not know it was necessary to provide fencing for the belts until he was told by Inspector Lockhart.

The prosecution replied that it was the defendant's business to know the regulations.

The factory was described as a public nuisance and should be closed down but unfortunately the Ordinance did not empower the prosecution to take such steps nor did it provide for his Worship to make any order to that effect. The Magistrate imposed the maximum penalty of \$250.

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WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.33 p.m., stated:—The anticyclone is central to the N.E. of Japan. Shallow depressions are shown over the Eastern Sea and over N. Indo-China. Local Forecast:—S.E. or variable winds, moderate, generally overcast, some rain and fog.

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IMPORTANCE OF TRADE STATISTICS.

It has been said by cynics that figures can be made to prove anything. To some extent this is true if the investigator starts out with the fixed determination to arrive at a particular result and no other. The value of a conclusion depends first upon the accuracy of the figures, second upon their completeness, and finally upon the manner of their interpretation. The compilation of national and international statistical information is much more general now than it was fifty, or even fifteen, years ago, and especially is this development noticeable in regard to figures relating to industry and commerce. For many years economists have been trying to discover the cause of the trade cycle which appears to vary between six and eleven years. There are instances where the intervals between the crest of one trade boom and that of another has been less than six years and more than eleven, but it is believed that the average cycle of boom and depression is between and not beyond those periods. So far no satisfactory theory has been advanced in explanation of this phenomenon, but as the mass of reliable statistical information throughout the world becomes more readily available, economists hope that it will be possible eventually to solve the mystery.

American investigators have found that speculation—as represented by Stock Exchange quotations—and New York bank clearings—is the first department of economic activity to show a rising or falling tendency. Next comes production, commodity prices, and country bank clearings. From four to six months later the price of money shows a rise or fall. Observations by Schools of Economics in London and Cambridge of conditions in Great Britain have confirmed the result of researches made at Harvard into American conditions. With this knowledge derived from scientific study of statistics it is thus possible to throw valuable light upon the trend of economic movements, and to judge with a fair degree of accuracy the course of future developments. Just as study of atmospheric phenomena enables the meteorologist to forecast the coming or passing of a storm, so does study of economic statistics enable an observer to draw similar inferences from variations of the trade barometer.

Since the value of this statistical information is generally admitted, it is the more deplorable that a great commercial centre like Hong Kong has no record of the enormous trade which passes through the port. The aggregate value of imports and exports handled during a year in Hong Kong is estimated at about 150 millions sterling, yet there is no authentic information to be had either as to the nature or direction of this business. For reasons of economy the Statistical Department was closed down some years ago, and closed it will remain until pressure is brought to bear upon the Government to re-open it. The Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce has taken the matter up recently, strongly urging that in the next Budget provision be made for re-opening the Statistical Department. "Practically every civilized Government, with the exception of Hong Kong, publishes trade statistics,"—just as practically every civilized Government, with the exception of Hong Kong, has an effective life-saving service in instant readiness to render assistance to a ship in distress, and has an adequate scheme of water-storage capable of meeting unusual conditions in addition to normal requirements. The Chamber of Commerce does not agree with the contention that an expenditure of from fifty to a hundred thousand dollars per annum on the compilation of trade statistics is extravagant, in view of the small proportion of this sum to the enormous volume of business passing through the port. Obviously, no cash return can be expected by the Government for such work, any more than financial compensation can be expected in return for its expenditure upon educational and other services, "but it is one of the duties of a Government to contribute its returns to the common

stock of information in exchange for the particulars furnished by other countries."

Of course, the Government may take the line that it does not receive, nor does it desire to accept, statistics relating to the foreign trade of other nations, and if merchants established in Hong Kong wish for information concerning the import and export trade of foreign countries, they are at perfect liberty to get that information in their own way. For example, reference to the excellent and comprehensive Financial and Economic Annual published in Tokyo by the Finance Department shows that in 1927 Japan's exports to Hong Kong were valued at 661 million yen, and imports from this port at 14 million. This very useful publication also reveals details of the nature and itemised values of these exports and imports, but we cannot believe that the Hong Kong Government intends permanently to leave business-men—and especially British business-men—laboriously and individually to dig out information about the trade of this port by consulting a score of publications issued by Governments thousands of miles away. Now that the Chamber of Commerce in its letter to the Hong Kong Government, has so clearly explained the urgent necessity for authentic statistical information concerning the trade of the port, we look with confidence to the early resumption of this most useful service. It is not suggested that time and money should be devoted to the compilation of returns relating to native trade. What is wanted is a clear and accurate statement showing in detail the trade carried by the principal ocean routes with countries exporting to and importing from Hong Kong.

In its letter to the Government, the Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce pointed out that statistics are of very great assistance to merchants in controlling their supplies in order to prevent the alternate glut and shortage of goods which is inevitable when the volume and fluctuation of imports and exports is not known. When the market is starved, the consumer pays higher prices than he should; when it is glutted, the merchant suffers, and must endeavour to recoup his losses in other directions. A monthly return of Hong Kong foreign trade would be of very great service to the mercantile community, and if published within a few days of the close of the period under review would be still more valuable.

It is interesting to note that the Board of Trade in London is now issuing returns more frequently and in much greater detail than formerly. Not only are there twelve reports yearly instead of an annual one, but, most important, additional information is being given. For example, exports of yarn are now tabulated to show not only whether the goods are grey or bleached, but the various counts are stated. The range of economic information is being constantly widened throughout the world, and its accuracy improved, so that business-men are able to learn much more about the working of economic laws than was possible twenty years ago. Facts are being substituted for theories, and the deductions to be drawn are thus more reliable. In the interests of the local mercantile community, and for its own prestige, Hong Kong should take its place without delay in the great international system of exchanging information upon which manufacturers and merchants are learning to rely for data which will assist them materially in conducting their business affairs.

News and Views.

The Choir of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, will render sacred music from "The Crucifixion" (Stainer) and Handel's "Messiah" on Thursday, March 28, at 8 p.m.

Eight more small-pox cases, 7 Chinese and 1 Indian, 4 from Victoria and 4 from Kowloon were reported on Tuesday. There were also three cases of diphtheria (1 British, 1 Indian and 1 Chinese), 1 case of enteric and 1 of cerebrospinal fever.

Shortly before noon yesterday considerable excitement was caused by a couple of Chinese detectives, who were dashing about very energetically along Queen's Road Central (near the Hong Kong Hotel Motor showrooms). It appears they were rounding up beggars loitering in the vicinity, and the appearance of the two officers had the effect of scattering the undesirable, though they will be probably soon back in their old haunts.

Mr. F. Knott, who is leaving the Colony on Saturday, was presented with a silver centrepiece by his colleagues at the Craven-gower Cricket Club yesterday to mark their appreciation of his work as a Committee member. The presentation was made by the President, who paid a tribute to the willing assistance given to the Club by the departing member. In reply Mr. Knott said that he and his wife had spent many happy hours in the Club, and it was with feelings of great regret that they were compelled to say good-bye to old friends.

The Slump on Wall Street.

Call-money in New York at 20 per cent. has had an immediate reaction in Wall Street, where eight million shares changed hands on Tuesday at rapidly tumbling prices. Nearly a third of the stocks officially quoted fell to points marking the lowest prices recorded for the year. Call-money had been available at about 8 per cent. last month, but early in March there was an unexpected rise to 10 and 12 per cent., due largely to President Hoover's intervention to prevent further speculative credit expansion. Mr. Hoover favours a more vigorous execution of the restrictive policy which was announced by the Federal Reserve Board on February 7. The President's intervention was based on his desire to prevent further inflation of the speculative bubble at the beginning of his administration. He felt that he would be naturally blamed for the results afterwards even if it were shown that the real cause of the collapse extended back to his predecessor's administration. The latest rise to 20 per cent. for call money will certainly put a check on further speculation, and after a day or two of anxious uncertainty conditions in New York should tend to settle down to something like normal. The Stock Exchanges of London and New York have been feeling the effects of monetary uncertainty more acutely during the past few weeks than for a long time past. This uncertainty owes its origin mainly to the unparalleled situation in the United States, where a long series of highly prosperous years for trade and industry has provided a basis for "bullish" stock operations of exceptional magnitude and unprecedented duration. Prosperity enabled that country to emerge from the debtor stage into a creditor position, in which she lent in a short time relatively vast sums to foreign countries. In the result large amounts of money and credit were absorbed, and though the foreign holdings furnished Europe with much-needed working capital and helped to strengthen her gold reserves, the consequences have been to make money dear in America, to stop her foreign lendings, to draw gold back from Europe, and to impose higher rates for money in London and on the Continent than might otherwise have been necessary.

More Gold from London?

While the general American Bank-rate level is 5 per cent., time money commands about 7½ per cent. and call money has averaged 8 per cent. for some time. The time and call money rates may be regarded as the "free" or international rates—the rates foreigners would have to pay for accommodation in America. Indeed, Americans have been glad to borrow in the London market at rates appreciably above their own Bank-rate level. It was the high level of the American 5 per cent. rate that moved the exchange against Great Britain and drew gold from Britain. The recent raising of the London Bank-rate to 5½ per cent. was immediately effective, for it brought about a sharp recovery in the dollar-sterling exchange and stopped the outflow of gold. Early in March, however, the sterling-dollar rate weakened again, and, what perhaps is not less significant, the Continental dollar rates have been moving in favour of America. This movement opened up the prospect of America once more drawing gold from Europe, either from the vaults of the Central banks, or from the South African arrivals. Any demand for gold for America would be felt mainly for London, as the principal international centre, and if they were to resolve themselves into any appreciable amount, dearer money would be the inevitable result. Normally the spring witnesses a strengthening of the European exchanges and steady addition to London's gold stocks out of South African shipments, which enable Britain to contemplate the usual autumn withdrawals with equanimity. In the first half of last year the Bank of England was able to augment its gold stocks very substantially, but since the autumn the whole of the augmentation has disappeared, and the spring brought the possibility of Britain continuing to lose gold instead of gaining it. Up to the present American Federal Reserve Banks have sterilized their gold imports by selling securities and taking money off the market, but the benefits of such a policy are not very obvious. Certainly it will not lessen, but increase the chances of more gold being drawn from London. America has become an economic factor of enormous and constantly expanding dimensions. Her advent as a great financial centre has introduced a new complexity, while her central banking organization is not old enough to be regarded as an impregnable system. Much of the credit used in Wall-street is outside the control of the Federal Reserve Bank. Thus her domestic monetary policy may at times accentuate the difficulties of the rest of the world, by making the gold standard work less smoothly than it did before the War.

RICH BOY AND POOR MAN.

ODD CLAIM FOR \$1,000.

FRIENDSHIP WHICH ENDED IN "ROWS."

Mr. Yeung Kwai Chui having graduated from Hong Kong University set up a local "Institute of Education." Among his pupils was a wealthy young man from Amoy named Wong Loong Yat.

Ah Yat, as the latter was known to his teacher, was friend as well as pupil, and, after he had left the Institute his brother, with whom he was then living in Saigon, sent a young lady named Mary to the headmaster's house to be educated in Hong Kong. Ah Yat himself followed some weeks later and also stayed with his former master as a guest for about a couple of months.

In order to show his appreciation of the kindness of Yeung Kwai Chui and his wife towards himself and the young lady whom his brother had put in their charge, he gave some toys to their children and a gift of \$300 to his host. Subsequently when Mr. Yeung went to Singapore, his late pupil, Ah Yat, went to stay for a while with the former's uncle and aunt.

This happy relationship was rudely broken up. It appears that Ah Yat, who is a tall young man of decidedly handsome appearance, came home late one night and knocked over various tables and chairs when he entered as young men have done before in other countries besides China. The lady of the house "made a row" and thus began the quarrel which was finally brought before Mr. Justice Wood in the Summary Court yesterday.

Indignation!

Mr. Yeung, his wife, and their solicitor, Mr. Strollett, were naturally very indignant, and became even more so when Ah Yat denied having given the \$300 at all, and told a story of a meeting in Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, the passing over of \$1,000 in Hong Kong notes to the defendant at the latter's house and a series of letters which he had written demanding payment. To the oft repeated question of the plaintiff's solicitor "Can you suggest any reason why the plaintiff should come into Court and say he has lent you a thousand dollars when he has not done so?" both Mr. Yeung and his wife, a neat looking little woman in a "Shanghai" dress, answered mournfully and reproachfully "No." "He bought some toys for my children and presented me with \$300 which he said was a present. I told him it wasn't necessary, but he said, 'I give this willingly,' and I was glad to receive it," said Mrs. Yeung. She said that while her husband was in Singapore, after the quarrel Ah Yat had come to her house and tried to borrow \$300 but she had no money and refused.

"Why should a rich boy want to borrow from a poor man?" asked the "rich boy's" solicitor. "I don't know," said Mrs. Yeung. "perhaps he wanted the \$300 back that he gave us."

His Lordship decided in favour of the defendant, Yeung Kwai Chui, with costs.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES.

MISS KENT AND LIEUT. K. W. MAURICE-JONES.

Notice of the following forthcoming marriages, has been given at the local Registry:—

Lieut. K. W. Maurice-Jones, D.S.O., R.A., Royal Artillery, Mess. Blakan Mati, to Miss Margaret Ada Kent, No. 86, Caine-road, Hong Kong. Miss Kent is the daughter of Mr. W. Kent (Assistant Superintendent of Police, Hong Kong) and is on the staff of Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd.

Mr. G. A. V. Hall, B. Arch., A.R.I.B.A., architect, of Messrs. Hall & Hall, Karamally-building, whose address is No. 45, Conduit-road, to Miss Mabel Gittins, No. 14, Ashley-road.

Mr. A. J. Osmund, the billiards champion, of No. 334, Kowloon Tong, to Miss I. A. Vicky, No. 488, Nathan-road, Kowloon.

Mr. E. F. Nozario, manager of Messrs. Noronha & Co., of No. 26, Granville-road, Kowloon, to Miss L. M. dos Passos, of No. 10, Granville-road.

Mr. E. Manning, of No. 19, Babinog-path, to Miss Lillian Alda Sutton, of No. 1, Beautiful-terrace.

Mr. A. M. B. da Rocha, of No. 3, Nanking-street, to Miss L. F. Gill, No. 11, Humphreys-avenue.

Mr. A. E. Tavaros, No. 4, Caine-road, to Miss Q. M. Julian, "The Winsome," Robinson-road.

CHIANG KAI SHEK'S BOLD SPEECH.**KWANGSI CLIQUE STRONGLY DENOUNCED.****LIU CHEN NIEN "ON THE RUN."****SHOOTING OF LI TSAI HSIN DENIED.**

There are no definite news of further hostilities in the Yangtze region. Marshal Chiang Kai Shek, at the last general session of the Kuomintang Congress, announced his immediate departure for the front.

He also denounced the Kwangsi clique in what is described as a "stirring speech," and moved their expulsion from office. A sensational report from Shanghai that Li Tsai Hsin had been shot was "authoritatively denied" from Nanking last night. Liu Chen Nien is "on the run" in Shanghai, and Chang Tsung Chang has occupied Chefoo without any opposition.

CHIANG KAI SHEK'S BOLD PROCLAMATION.**KWANGSI CLIQUE DENOUNCED.****DELEGATES' ENTHUSIASM AT THE CONFERENCE.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

NANKING, March 27. Chiang Kai Shek delivered a stirring address shortly before closing the last general session of the Kuomintang Congress this afternoon.

He denounced Li Tsai Hsin, Li Tsung Jen and Pei Chung Hsi as traitors to the Party and the Government. He said he was leaving immediately for the front, personally to direct the Expedition against the Kwangsi clique.

At the conclusion of his speech many delegates rose and cheered, shouting "Down with the Kwangsi Clique."

Judging from the speech Chiang Kai Shek will leave for the front to-night or to-morrow morning.

The Congress adopted a motion that Li Tsai Hsin, Li Tsung Jen, Pei Chung Hsi, Hu Tsung Tu and other Hankow supporters should all be expelled from the Party.

The closing ceremony of the Congress will be held to-morrow morning.

LI TSAI HSIN SHOT? SENSATIONAL RUMOURS DENIED.**[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

SHANGHAI, March 27. There are widespread rumours locally that Li Tsai Hsin has been shot in Nanking but to now they cannot be verified. In view of the fact that five senior members of the Kuomintang, including Hu Han Min and Wu Tsu Hui, had guaranteed Li Tsai Hsin's safety prior to his leaving for Nanking, the news requires confirmation before it can be credited.

Another report says it is reliably stated that Chang Ching Kiang and Wu Tsu Hui interviewed Li Tsai Hsin at Tangshan yesterday.

Authoritative Denial.

NANKING, Later. The rumours of the death of Li Tsai Hsin are authoritatively denied.

CONFERENCE ELECTIONS.**REMAINING VACANCIES FILLED.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

NANKING, March 27. At this morning's session of the Kuomintang Congress, Yang Shu Chwang, Chang Chen Wu, Chao Tai Wen, Chou Chi Kan, Chen Li Fu, Liu Chai Wen, Chen Chao Yin, Liu Lu Yin, Ting Wen Feng, Tseng Yan Fu, and Fan Chiao Hui were elected to the Central Executive Council, thus completing the 38 members.

The Mongolian delegate Ung Ke Tatui was elected to the Central Control Committee, completing the quota of twelve.

REDS EVACUATE TING-CHOW.**(Fah Tsu Yat Pao).**

SHANGHAI, March 27. The Reds under Chu Tak and Mo Chak Tung have evacuated Tingchow and are retreating to Shichuan in Kiangsi.

GENERAL CHEN MING SHU. A MESSAGE FROM NANKING LEADERS.

The *Wah Tsu Yat Pao* learns that General Chen Ming Shu, who is still lying at the Government Civil Hospital, received a cable from Mr. Hu Han Min yesterday which states that the Wuhan troops have been attacking Anhui and Kiangsi, and that the Central Government has issued a Mandate for their punishment. He added that he and Marshal Chiang Kai Shek have addressed a lengthy letter to him (General Chen) and General Chen Chai Tong and Hsu King Tong, commanders of the 4th and 5th Armies respectively, and that a number of telegrams have been addressed to the troops of the two Kwangs for their instruction.

ONE COMMAND IN CHINA.**MAJOR-GENERAL SANDILANDS APPOINTED.****AN AUGMENTED STAFF.****[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]****RUGBY, March 26.**

The War Office announces that the North and South China Commands will be amalgamated next month. Major-General Wardrop, at present commanding the British troops in North China, will return home and the combined command will be assumed by Major-General Sandilands, now commanding at Hong Kong.

Major-General Sandilands will remain at Hong Kong with an augmented staff. The Shanghai area will be commanded, as at present, by Brigadier-General Borrett and the Tientsin area by Brigadier-General Heath.

CHINESE MINISTER TO U.S.A.**A CORDIAL RECEPTION.****[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]**

WASHINGTON, March 26. Mr. Chao Chu Wu, the new Chinese Minister, in presenting his credentials to President Hoover, expressed gratification that the American Government had at its head "a statesman who had an intimate and personal knowledge of China."

President Hoover, in reply, said the United States earnestly hoped for peace and prosperity in China.

TSINAN AGREEMENT.**EXPECTED TO BE SIGNED ON THURSDAY.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

SHANGHAI, March 27. Mr. Yoshizawa leaves for Nanking to-night. It is expected that the China-Japan Tsinan Agreement will be signed on Thursday.

MAMMOTH LINER BLAZE.**"LIKE AN ACTIVE VOLCANO."****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

BERLIN, March 26. The fire on the Europa afforded a dramatic spectacle, the gigantic structure—the pride of the German merchant fleet—bubbling and boiling like an active volcano in a mid-river.

Dense yellow smoke ascended and tongues of fire shot out from the port-holes in enormous quantities. Water was continually poured in without effect.

The promenade decks collapsed like cardboard and the girders melted completely.

Firemen, who ventured aboard in the early stages, were helpless, and many lost their way in the labyrinth of corridors, narrowly escaping with their lives.

Finally, it was decided to concentrate their efforts on fighting the flames from the outside.

Enormous crowds, shepherded by the police, watched the thrilling spectacle.

It is reported that some British insurance companies are involved in the loss.

Watchman's Lapse.

A watchman dropping a cigarette end among the inflammable decorating materials is believed to be responsible for the fire on the Europa, which has now been controlled, though flames spasmodically shoot up through the charred decks.

The engineers are of opinion that the stern quarters, lower deck and engine room can be salvaged, but the remainder of the vessel is a chaotic mass of charred timber and twisted metal.

HONOURING MARSHAL FOCH.**AMERICA'S TRIBUTE.****[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]**

WASHINGTON, March 27. The American Army gave its last tribute to Marshal Foch, when there was firing at every United States military station. A salute of 21 guns was followed by a single gun salute every half-hour from reveille to retreat and flags were half-masted at all Government buildings.

A high requiem mass in the church of St. Paul was attended by Mr. F. B. Kellogg and a score of generals, the British and French ambassadors and other diplomatic officers.

RECORD SLUMP ON WALL STREET.**PRICES "MELTING LIKE WAX IN THE HEAT."****RESERVE BANKS' STRONG MEASURES.****[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]**

New York, March 27. Hundreds of brokers, page-boys, and order clerks on the floor of the Stock Exchange raised a loud cheer of relief yesterday afternoon when the President's gong sounded, closing one of the most hectic days many of them had ever witnessed.

Eight million shares changed hands in one of the most riotous sessions in history during which the money rate was raised to 20 per cent. The prices of scores of issues broke from \$5 to \$35 a share, with the ticker over two hours late at the close.

The break was even worse than the bad one of the previous day, if because a morning rally had been confidently expected.

Panic-Stricken Speculators. Prices fell steadily all day long, and one after another stocks cracked wide open.

All over the country in thousands of brokerage offices groups of speculators who a week ago were exulting in their profits stood quickly conversing and watching prices melt like wax in the heat.

Liquidation and selling orders in an unbroken succession were dumped into the market at any price and the downward slide gathered momentum as a thousand small-traders were squeezed out, and large operators, even with the biggest of margins were compelled to sell large portions of their commitments.

Paper profits of several millions in many cases were enormously reduced or almost cancelled.

Brooklyn Edison probably had the largest individual loss of 35 points. Wright Aeronauts fell 23, Johns Manville 18, International Telephone 16, Anaconda Copper 13, and many others ten.

Right at the close a brisk rally was reported in which a number of stocks recovered sharply.

A Secret Inquiry Board. Wall Street feels that the Federal Reserve Bank, whose authority several of the largest pools operating have latterly affected to ignore, has drastically demonstrated its control of the market. A Board has been sitting for several days in Washington presumably debating what steps to take to check what is regarded as "exaggerated" market speculation.

No announcement whatever has been made of the proceedings, which have been kept entirely secret, but the mere fact that a Board has sitting made the public so nervous and caused such widespread uneasiness that traders began to liquidate of their own accord.

Starting as a dribble selling reached the proportions of a torrent, which "speedily" washed away the weak accounts. It has supplied the corrective which the Federal Reserve Board felt was necessary to re-adjust the public standpoint.

THE KING.**STILL MAKING GOOD PROGRESS.****[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]**

RUGBY, March 26. The King passed a good day and was again out in the gardens of Craigweil House. His Majesty again dispensed with his bath chair and walked some distance before resting, at an interval, in the garden chairs.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.**MR. MONTAGU NORMAN RE-ELECTED.****[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]**

LONDON, March 26. Mr. Montagu Collet Norman was today re-elected Governor of the Bank of England.

Before the war the Governorship of the Bank was held in rotation and not for more than a year unless in exceptional circumstances, but Mr. Norman will this year complete a decade of governorship.

During his years of office Mr. Norman has been in consultation with financial authorities of the United States and a tribute has been paid to the valuable services he has rendered to his country in dealing with the post-war financial problem.

FRENCH AIRMEN'S LONG TRIP.**AUTHORITIES DEFIED.****[THROUGH HAVAS AGENCY.]**

PARIS, March 27. M.M. Bailly and Begnigni, who are making a "tourist" flight to Indo-China, owing to a suspension of the official sanction for long-distance flights have flown from Paris to Padua, which they reached yesterday afternoon.

They will leave for Belgrade this morning, and continue the flight from there.

SHIP SUNK NEAR SHANGHAI.**2 PASSENGERS DROWNED; 30 MISSING.****A CHINESE VESSEL.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]****SHANGHAI, March 27.**

Two Chinese girls are reported drowned, and 30 missing as a result of the collision of the Chinese-owned a.s. Kangtai with the Italian cruiser Libia outside Wusung Spit Buoy shortly after noon to-day, following which the Kangtai sunk within 40 minutes.

There were 68 passengers and 40 crew aboard the sunken ship. Many survivors were picked up by boats from the Libia, the Revenue cruiser Likin, and by Chinese passenger junks.

The Kangtai was bound from Vladivostok to Shanghai with a cargo of aspen logs.

A grim coincidence is that the Libia was itself on the way to take up survivors of the Italian destroyer Muggia which is wrecked on Finger Rock.

ITALIAN DESTROYER WRECKED.**ASHORE NEAR AMOY.****CREW PICKED UP BY JUNKS AND FREIGHTER.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]****SHANGHAI, March 27.**

The Italian destroyer Muggia from Amoy to Shanghai was wrecked on Finger Rock in a heavy fog on Monday night. One officer and 37 sailors were picked up by junks, while the remaining four officers and 75 sailors were taken aboard the Japanese freighter Matsumoto Maru, which is proceeding to Shanghai.

The Italian cruiser Libia left Shanghai this morning to take the survivors from the junks.

GANDHI FINED ONE RUPEE.**SEQUEL TO PROPOSED BOYCOTT.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

CALCUTTA, March 27. Gandhi has been convicted on a charge under the Calcutta Police Act, and fined one rupee. Four other people were similarly fined.

The Magistrate said that Gandhi would have been dealt with under the First Offenders Act, but this did not apply to offences against the Police Act.

(Gandhi, the Indian leader, was arrested in Calcutta on March 4, after disturbance at a monster meeting called to urge a boycott on British goods.)

He was offered bail, but refused. Later, however, he signed a bond to appear for trial upon his return from a projected visit to Burma.

CHANNEL TUNNEL SCHEME.**AN IMPARTIAL INQUIRY.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

LONDON, March 26. In the House of Commons Mr. Baldwin stated that owing to the imminence of the Dissolution co-operation between party leaders with regard to the Channel tunnel inquiry would be inconvenient.

The Government, therefore, had decided to establish, under the auspices of the Committee of Civil Research, an impartial inquiry into the economic aspects of the tunnel and other cross-Channel projects.

Consideration of the political and military aspects of the problem would be postponed until the Committee had reported on the economic aspects.

APPOINTMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA.**FOLLOWING NEW SYSTEM.****[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]****RUGBY, March 26.**

The Dominions' office announces that Captain Clifford, Secretary to the High Commissioner for South Africa in London, has been appointed representative in South Africa of His Majesty's Government in Great Britain.

Capt. Clifford has been acting in the latter capacity for some months past.

Mr. Housstoun Boswell, Second Secretary in the diplomatic service, has been selected for service as Administrative Assistant to Capt. Clifford.

These appointments have resulted from a resolution adopted by the Imperial Conference of 1928 on the subject of the development of the system of communication and consultation between His Majesty's Governments.

BRITISH PETROL PRICES.**THE PREMIER EXPLAINS.****GOVERNMENT NOT TO INTERVENE.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]****LONDON, March 26.**

Mr. Baldwin, in the House of Commons, announced that having examined the oil companies' recent statement, the Government did not consider that any action was called for in relation to the recent increase in prices.

Comparisons between those in Britain and abroad and the figures of the companies' statement showed that the prices now charged to the British consumer were not above the parity of the world prices. (Ironical Opposition cheers.)

Official Attitude. It has been suggested (continued the Prime Minister) that the Government should use their position in relation to the Anglo-Persian Oil Company to force that Company to reduce their petrol and kerosene prices in Great Britain.

It was, therefore, necessary again to refer to the terms of the arrangement between the Government and the Company, as at the outset, paragraph 4 of the command paper in 1914, stated the general nature of the assurance that the Government's right of veto would be only exercised with respect to matters of general policy.

The paragraph mentioned referred to a letter dated May 20, 1914, from the Treasury to the Anglo-Persian Oil Co., which hitherto had not been published but he (Mr. Baldwin) thought it was now obvious that the exact terms should be published, and this would be done.

Terms of the Letter. The letter mentioned by Mr. Baldwin contains the Treasury's observations with regard to provisions and amendments proposed to the Anglo-Persian Oil Co.'s Articles of Association. This referred to the Article providing for an ex-officio director being entitled to negative any resolution proposed by the Board or committee meeting but that other directors will be entitled to appeal therefrom to the Treasury or Admiralty.

The letter states that the Government did not propose to use their right to veto except with regard to matters of general policy, for example, firstly, the supervision of the activities of the company as may affect questions of foreign, naval or military policy; secondly, any proposal as to the sale of the Company's undertaking or proposed change of the Company's status; thirdly, control of new exploitation; fourthly, sales of oil which might endanger the fulfilment of Admiralty contracts.

The Government's interference into the ordinary administration of the Company as a commercial concern would be strictly limited to the minimum necessary to secure these objects and in case of such interference due regard would be paid to the financial interests of the Company.

RUM-RUNNING INCIDENT.**CANADA CONDUCTING INQUIRIES.****[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]**

WASHINGTON, March 26. Captain Randall, commander of the *Im Alone*, has been released on bail of \$500 and the crew of seven released on their own recognitions.

The conduct of the case has been transferred from the British Embassy to the Canadian Legation.

Much to the surprise of American officials, Sir Esme Howard (British Ambassador at Washington) requested the State Department to address its reply to his application for information to Mr. Vincent Massey, the Canadian Minister at Washington, because the vessel is in the Canadian registry.

A Watching Brief. The Canadian Legation has announced that Mr. Massey, who called at the State Department to-day, conferred with the Assistant Secretary of State with regard to the incident and will conduct any discussion in the case which may be necessary with the Government of the United States.

It is learned, however that Sir Esme Howard will retain a direct interest in the question if it is found that the interpretation of the Liquor Smuggling Treaty is involved and the British Government will also be interested to the extent of the harm or molestation to any of the British members of the crew.

It is reported that the British Consul-General at New Orleans, after enquiry, has decided that the vessel was entirely within her rights when she refused to submit to search or seizure.

Telegrams in Brief.**The airship Graf Zeppelin has arrived at Jerusalem.**

It is announced that the Budget will be introduced to the House of Commons on April 15.

The death is announced of the Dowager Marchioness of Cambridge.

On March 18 the total number of unemployed in Great Britain, was 1,182,400. This was 86,339 less than the week before but 116,423 more than a year ago.

Mr. Van Leer, Black the millionaire world-flier, has arrived at Khartoum from Mongolia.

The Spanish airman Jimenez is in hospital at Bahia which fever as the result of the strain of the fight. Hence the continuance of the fight to Rio de Janeiro has been postponed.

The s.s. Weirbank from China to Stettin, with a crew of 60 and a cargo of soyas beans has run on the sandbank off Warnemunde. Salvage vessels are proceeding to her assistance.

"PETTING" ROUSES A STORM.**PROFESSORS SAID TO BE SUSCEPTIBLE.****EDITOR DISMISSED.**

"To pet or not to pet" was the title of an editorial in the University of Toronto undergraduate newspaper, one of a number which led to the dismissal of the editor, L. J. Ryan, a fourth-year student, the resignation of his staff, and a subsequent battle of words between the students' administrative council and the student staff, conducted through the columns of a Toronto daily newspaper.

Another editorial accused the professors of susceptibility to the charms of women students. This followed an announcement, made by an American university, declaring that its professors gave high marks for bright looks.

The Toronto newspaper pointed out that the situation would remain unchanged as long as professors were men, and undergraduate women the daughters of Eve.

Every Faculty. Members of the faculty of the university emphatically denied such allegations, and the issue, followed by a lengthy discussion of the moral and social nature of "petting," led to the dismissal of the editor-in-chief.

The women's editor and the staff, some sixty students in number, representative of every faculty and college, showed their loyalty to their chief by immediately resigning with him.

A new staff was hastily summoned by the students' administrative council, and an account of the quarrel published from their point of view. A local newspaper then offered the insurgent young journalists space in its columns, to reply to these statements, and so the battle is being carried on.

The young editor declares the administrative council to be ruled by the faculty and graduates, and maintains that as such it is not representative of the student body. He is, on the other hand, accused of breaking his promise to "behave," and the "last straw" was a personal attack on Mr. W. J. Dunlop, publicity director of the University of Toronto, who had taken part in the negotiations.

Mr. Ferguson, Minister of Education for Ontario, has refused to take any part in the struggle, or to intervene.

AIRMAN'S LUCKY ESCAPE.**CRASHES AGAINST HILLTOP AT SEKKO IN FOG.**

Eight Hours of Anxiety. Flying Officer Somerhough and two mechanics, A. G. Shaw and Gilets, left the Kai Tak Aerodrome yesterday morning at 9 a.m. on a reconnaissance flight. By noon, the plane had not returned and considerable anxiety was felt at the Aerodrome. At 2 p.m. nine planes went up to search for the missing plane. Two Naval destroyers were also sent out. It was suspected at the time that a forced landing had to be made and that the plane was stranded on the Island.

The plane was found at 8 p.m. It appears that whilst heading over the Island in the direction of Sekko, it collided with a hill-top in the thick fog. The plane crashed but the airmen miraculously escaped with a few bruises.

THE TREVESSA TROPHY.

ANOTHER WIN FOR DOUGLAS COMPANY.

NINE COMPETITORS.

A remarkable incident in the race for the "Trevesa" Trophy held yesterday afternoon at the Hong Kong Yacht Club was the landing of boats and crews, near the starting point at Channel Rocks, by vessels actually entering the harbour at the time, the winning and second places being secured by these last minute entries.

Shortly before the time appointed for the race, the Douglas Steamship Company's s.s. Haiyang was seen to enter the harbour. Halting for a moment a fully equipped motor launch was lowered over the side to be drawn up with seven other competitors. The Koninklijke Paketvaart Maatschappij's s.s. Van Heutz (represented locally by the Java-China-Japan Line) followed suit, a police launch towing this boat to the starting point. These two last minute entries gratified their anxious sponsors by doing so well in the race, and all nine boats completed the course.

Commodore R. A. S. Hill, R.N., Mr. A. L. Shields (Yacht Club Commodore) and the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes (Yacht Club Vice-Commodore) judged the race from their launch, while the launch Victoria carried the officials and the timekeeper, Chief Yeoman of Signals Butland. Other launches carried a number of spectators who also followed the race with much interest.

The Competing Boats.

Besides the last minute arrivals, there were three entries each from Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, and Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., and from the Kowloon Dock. The entries were as under:

- No. 1.—Henry Keswick (Mr. Groundwater), 21 feet, Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.
- No. 2.—Linnan (Mr. G. E. M. Ramsay, 2nd Officer), 23 feet, B. & S.
- No. 3.—Linnan (Capt. W. J. Larter), 26.3 feet, B. & S.
- No. 4.—Kwangtung (Mr. E. S. Con-Dell), 23.2 feet, B. & S.
- No. 5.—Kwaisang (Mr. A. J. Piggott), 27.3 feet, J. M. & Co.
- No. 6.—Cheongshing (Capt. D. G. Burleigh), 24 feet, J. M. & Co.
- No. 7.—Kumsang (Mr. H. Blaquiere), 26.3 feet, J. M. & Co.
- No. 8.—Van Heutz (Mr. W. F. Kraan), 25.4 feet, K.P.M.
- No. 9.—Haiyang (Mr. Twibill), 26.2 feet, Douglas S.S. Co.

Progress of the Race.

Starting from Channel Rocks, the course was round Kowloon Rock (P), mark boat off Yacht Club (S), East Rock Gas Buoy (P), finish at Yacht Club across line west to east. The boats lined in the order named, the Henry Keswick taking a point near the Rocks with Haiyang on the outside. The start was made a few minutes after 4 p.m., the boats bustling with activity in getting out oars and hoisting sail.

Haiyang led the Van Heutz to the Kowloon Rock by over a hundred yards keeping well on the outside, the Kwaisang being third, others being grouped in the rear with Henry Keswick and No. 3 Linnan last. After taking the turn the leader happened to strike a fresh breeze and was increasing the distance, until on the lap between the mark boat and the Gas Buoy she was a good four hundred yards in front of the Dutch boat. The three finished in this order. The Dutch entry and a Linnan boat saw their speedy competitors passing them on the last lap of their journey while they were still on their way to the Gas Buoy. Haiyang finished a minute ahead of her Dutch rival.

The following was the order of finish and times of the first three boats:

- 1.—Haiyang (Mr. Twibill), 49.55
- 2.—Van Heutz (Mr. Kraan), 50.38
- 3.—Kwaisang (Mr. Piggott), 53.07

4.—Kumsang; 5.—Cheongshing; 6.—Kwangtung; 7.—Linnan (No. 3); 8.—Henry Keswick; 9.—Linnan (No. 2).

Commodore Hill's Congratulations. Presiding at the presentation ceremony, Commodore Hill said that this was the eleventh bi-annual race for the "Trevesa" Trophy, and it had been a most sporting one with nine entries. He had much pleasure in congratulating the s.s. Haiyang boat crew, coupled with the name of Mr. Twibill, the skipper, and the owners, the Douglas Steamship Co., on winning the race after a dramatic start. Two boats arrived almost a minute before the race.

The speaker recalled that the Douglas Steamship Company had now won the race six times, and the Java-China-Japan Line five times, which goes to show the keenness that the race created between these two companies, and he hoped that before long the other local companies will have their names in.

(Continued on next column.)

LAWN TENNIS.

YESTERDAY'S MATCHES.

HANDICAP EVENTS.

Championship players were given a brief respite yesterday when only three handicap matches were decided. Two of these were in the Handicap Singles "A" and the other in the "B" class.

In the former J. G. Lawrie qualified to meet S. E. Green in the third round at the expense of H. V. Parker by the odd set and J. Barrow beat Martin easily. He will meet G. W. Sewell in the third round. In the Singles "B," E. R. Price accounted for Duncan in straight sets. The winner enters the semi-final to meet A. C. I. Bowker.

The scores were:—

Handicap Singles "A."
J. G. Lawrie (owe 3/6) beat H. V. Parker (rec. 2/6) 6-0, 4-6, 6-2.
J. Barrow (rec. 3/6) beat O. E. C. Martin (owe 3/6) 6-2, 6-0.

Handicap Singles "B."
E. R. Price (rec. 4/6) beat L. A. R. Duncan (owe 5/6) 6-4, 6-4.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

Open Doubles.

H. D. Rumpjohn and S. A. Rumpjohn v. T. Honda and T. Akiyama.

Open Singles.

Lt. Hale v. Lam Peng Chin.
L. Goldman v. Cheng Chi Wing.

Club Championship.

L. Forster v. S. E. Green.

Handicap Singles "B."

SEMI-FINALS.
T. J. Price (owe 2/6) v. E. J. R. Mitchell (owe 5/6).
A. C. I. Bowker (owe 2/6) v. E. R. Price (owe 4/6).

Mixed Doubles.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Piercy (rec. 4/6) v. H. V. Parker and Miss Stanion (owe 2/6).

HONG KONG FOOTBALLERS IN CANTON.

SERIES OF EASTER HOLIDAY MATCHES.

The following players have been chosen to represent the Eastern Athletic Association in a series of football matches in Canton, during the Easter holidays, against the Canton University, Pui Ying Middle School, Chung Tai College and Canton Air Force, respectively. — Mr. Sabhan, Li Ping Tong, Lai Ting Choy, S. M. Salleh, K. H. Hui, Cheung Yiu Nam, Li Yun Yum, Ng Ying Kee, Leung Yun Hung, Shea Wai Keung, Kwan Wai Lam, Lo Hoi Ming, Chan Shiu Wai, Tai See On, and Lau Shing Kee.

SEGRAVE RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT.

SPEED TROPHY PRESENTED.

(REUTERS' AMERICAN SERVICE.)

WASHINGTON, March 28. Major Segrave, the racing motorist, and Mrs. Segrave were received by President and Mrs. Hoover at the White House at Washington.

Vice-President Curtis presented to Segrave the trophy he won at Daytona Beach, when he set up a new world's land speed record of 232 miles an hour.

scribed on the trophy, thus increasing the deserved popularity of the race. The trophy, he continued, was presented by a member of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club in commemoration of the courage, skill and endurance of the officers and crew of the s.s. Trevesa, and with the object of fostering an interest among the Mercantile Marine in the handling of ship's lifeboats.

The idea of the race was to recognise in a tangible form the fine seamanship displayed by Captain Cecil Forster, master of the s.s. Trevesa.

The race was held twice a year in the Spring and Autumn, and he expressed the desire of the Club members for the co-operation of ship's officers sailing to this port, that the news be spread, and the crews be put into training before the next race.

The trophy and a souvenir cup for the winning helmsman, Mr. Twibill were then handed over amid much applause.

"Not Late, But Just in Time." Mr. A. H. White, representing the Douglas Steamship Company, who stated on the last occasion that he had hopes of winning the trophy again, then expressed his thanks, saying "It was not too late but just in time."

The Yacht Club Commodore (Mr. A. L. Shields) thanked Commodore Hill for the interest he took in the race, as was done by his predecessors, and for his presence at the Club.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

SOUTH CHINA BEATEN BY K.O.S.B.

SOMERSET LIGHT INFANTRY'S WIN.

Yesterday's games in the Hong Kong League resulted as under:—

Division I.
K.O.S.B. 2 South China 1
S.L.I. 2 H.K.F.C. 1

Division II.
R. Navy Res. 3 South China "B" 1
R.A. Res. 2 Eastern F.C. 1
C. Ath. Res. 8 K.F.C. Res. 0
The games S.L.I. Res. v. St. Joseph's and K.O.S.B. Res. v. R.A.F. are not played.

DIVISION I.

SOUTH CHINA v. K.O.S.B.

A large crowd turned out to witness the game between South China and K.O.S.B. at Caroline Hill, the K.O.S.B. winning by the odd goal in three. The K.O.S.B. defence was weak and had South China forwards snapped up the chances offered. The result would have been different. The K.O.S.B. were the first to score. Lau Mau heading in over Pau Ka Ping from a pass by Stock. South China played up strongly but the K.O.S.B. held their lead until the interval.

The K.O.S.B. took up the running at the restart. South China attacked and Gardner headed into his own goal. The teams then went out for the winning goal and Reeves got through in the last minute. The game was very fast and even throughout.

H.K. CLUB v. SOMERSET L.I.
Played at Chatham Road yesterday evening. Result 2-1 in favour of the Somerset Light Infantry.

The game opened rather dully. Things were livened up, however, by a penalty to the Hong Kong Club which Goldman converted. The Somersets now began to attack, but the Club, playing a very good defensive game, managed to keep them at bay. A second penalty was awarded to the Somersets, but a weak shot was cleverly cleared. Played continued for about five minutes when a third penalty was awarded, also against the Club and this time Knapp made no mistake. The second half saw the soldiers pressing very hard, and Butcher eventually added a second goal in very clever style.

Result:—

Somerset L.I. 2
H.K. Club 1
H.K. Club—Edwards; Holt, Bishop; Walker, Stewart, Wellington; Reid, McBride, Goldman, Alexander, Transbakey.
Somerset L.I.—Trevelyan; Lawrence, Hayward; Saviger, Harris, Chidgey; Rayson, Baker, Knapp, Guest, Butcher.
Referee: P. O. Cowan, R.N.

DIVISION II.

R.A. v. EASTERN.

Played on the St. Joseph's ground the Gunners can consider themselves rather fortunate in collecting both points, for they were a goal in arrears until ten minutes from the end, when the Eastern defence fell to pieces under pressure.

Result:—

R.A. 2
Eastern 1

KOWLOON v. ATHLETIC.

Played at Kowloon yesterday, the visitors inflicted ignominious defeat on Kowloon by the wide margin of eight goals to nil.

Result:—

Athletic 8
Kowloon 0

NAVY v. S. CHINA "B."

Playing on their own ground yesterday the Navy fully deserved their success. Conditions were all against good football, a strong wind and clouds of dust making things very unpleasant for the players. South China were the first to score by Chan Yui Tin. Gray equalised and in the second half, Cann scored two fine goals.

Result:—

Navy 3
South China "B" 1

SOMERSET L.I. v. ST. JOSEPH'S.

Only three members of the St. Joseph's team turned up at King's Park for this 2nd Division League fixture yesterday evening, the Referee called the fixture off.

UNITED SERVICES FOOTBALL.

TO-DAY AT 2.30 P.M.

H.M.S. Serapis v. R.A. Navy ground, Happy Valley. Referee: Pte. Lamb.

HOME FOOTBALL.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE MATCH.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, March 28.

A football match in the Scottish League (Division I) was played today, Clyde being at home to Celtic. The visitors won by the only goal scored in the match.

HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

(ORDERS BY LT.-COL. L. G. BIRD, D.S.O., O.B.E., COMMANDANT.)

No. 13/29.

1.—Efficiency.

All Officers Commanding Units will arrange to check their records with the Adjutant at an early date for the Training Year 1929-30.

2.—Musketry.

The Mounted Infantry and Armoured Car Companies will fire Table "T" at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, April 7, 1929.
Range Officer: 2/Lieut. R. K. Valentine.

Launch will leave Queen's Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Musketry Order, i.e., rifle, belt, bayonet, braces, pouches or bandoliers. Uniform or multi optional.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, April 5, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 8 p.m., and on Saturday, April 6, 1929, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

3.—Corps Rifle Meeting.

The Corps Rifle Meeting will take place at Stonecutters Range on March 31 and April 1, 1929 (Easter Sunday and Easter Monday).

Launches will leave Queen's Pier at 8.15 a.m., 9.30 a.m., and 1.30 p.m., calling at Kowloon Pier ten minutes later.

The dates and order of events will be as follows (approximate times of firing):—

Sunday, March 31, 1929:—
9.00 a.m. Blake Shield.
9.00 " Francis Cup.
2.00 p.m. Attack Competition.
3.30 " Reserve Competition.
3.45 " Jar Competition.

Monday, April 1, 1929:—
9.00 a.m. Corps Championship.
9.00 " Tyro Competition.
11.00 " Musketry Competition.

Revolver Competition, Corps and all Comers, will be fired both days, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 31, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, April 1, 1929.

Competitors will make their own arrangements for tiffin. The Canton will be in attendance.
Dress: Uniform, Musketry order.

OFFICERS FOR RANGE DUTY.

The detail of Officers on Firing Point duty during the Corps Rifle Meeting is as follows:—

Sunday, March 31, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.:
Lieut. S. Jarvis, M.C.
2/Lieut. H. R. Forsyth.
2/Lieut. A. Hutton-Potts.

Sunday, March 31, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.:
Lieut. A. H. Penn.
Lieut. H. Owen Hughes.
Lieut. A. Mackenzie.
2/Lieut. E. K. Valentine.

Monday, April 1, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.:
Lieut. R. S. Logan.
Lieut. J. E. Hancock.
2/Lieut. M. A. Johnson, M.M.
2/Lieut. R. D. Read.

4.—Corps Band.

The Band will parade at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2, for Band Practice in the Lecture Room in muff.

All ranks of the Band are particularly requested to be present.

5.—M.I. and A.C. Companies.

Musketry. All ranks are reminded that Table "T" will be fired at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, April 7. Those who have not fired on February 17, 1929, are requested to attend.
Attention is drawn to Corps Order No. 2 above.

6.—Mounted Infantry Company.

Friday, March 29. Dowbiggin's Trophy.
There will be a bus from the Hunters Arms meeting the 10 o'clock train from Kowloon, which will convey competitors to the course at the back of Potts' bungalow and return to the Arms after the race.

Competitors are advised to make tiffin arrangements in good time. Thursday, April 4, 1929. Those members who have begun M.G. Part I. will parade at 5.15 p.m. at Headquarters and proceed by Ford Truck to Kennedy Road Range.

All others will parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for M.G. training.

7.—Motor Cycle Section.

Thursday, March 28. There will be a musketry parade at 5.30 p.m. sharp at Volunteer Headquarters for all who wish to practice rapid loading.

Monday, April 8. All ranks parade with motor cycle at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for instructional ride. Side-car outfits will be in charge of Lieut. Thomas and Pte. Groome. Dress: Muff.

8.—Machine Gun Company.

Training, except those of No. 3 Section detailed for M.G. Part I. who will fall in at 5.15 p.m. and proceed by Ford Truck to Kennedy Road Range under Lieut. H. Owen Hughes. Dress: for all, overalls. Recruits will parade in muff in the Miniature Range for musketry under Sergt. V. C. Branson, M.C.

9.—Scottish Company.

Thursday, March 28, 1929. There will be a meeting of N.C.O.'s at Volunteer Headquarters at 6.15 p.m. All N.C.O.'s should attend.

Thursday, April 4, 1929. Platoons will parade at 5.30 p.m. as under:—

No. 5 Platoon and Casuals of No. 7 Platoon at Corps Headquarters for passing out in Vickers Gun Standard Tests—under Lieut. Alistair Mackenzie.

No. 8 Platoon at Kowloon Dock for passing out in Vickers Gun Standard Test—under Lieut. G. Duncan, M.B.E.

No. 7 Platoon at Kennedy Road Range for M.G. Part I. under 2/Lieut. H. R. Forsyth. (Ford Truck will leave Corps Headquarters for Kennedy Road Range at 5.30 p.m.)

10.—Portuguese Company.

Friday, April 5. The Company will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. under Platoon arrangements.

Recruits will parade at the Miniature Range.

Rifle Meeting. The attention of those competing in the Rifle Meeting is called to para. 3 of this week's Corps Orders re times of launches and competitions.

11.—Reserve Company.

Thursday, April 4. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Muff.

12.—Promotions and Appointments.

MACHINE GUN COMPANY NO. 3 SECTION.

No. 1092 L/Cpl. T. Seddon to be Corporal, as from March 25, 1929.
No. 1336 L/Cpl. S. E. Edgar to be Corporal, as from March 25, 1929.

No. 1033 Pte. H. A. Gregory to be Lance-Corporal, as from March 25, 1929.
No. 1309 Pte. N. A. E. Mackay to be Lance-Corporal, as from March 25, 1929.

No. 1316 Pte. H. Burson to be Lance-Corporal, as from March 25, 1929.
No. 1322 Pte. J. J. Hirst to be Lance-Corporal, as from March 25, 1929.

13.—Reversion.

No. 1028 Lce-Corpl. S. Jex. Machine Gun Co., reverts to the rank of Private at his own request, as from March 25, 1929.

14.—Transfer.

No. 1028 Pte. S. Jex is transferred from Machine Gun Co. to the Reserve Co., as from March 25, 1929.

15.—Long Service Medal.

H.E. the Governor has awarded the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service Medal to No. 64 Pte. F. Cullen, of the Scottish Co., H.K.V.D.C., on March 25, 1929.

16.—Leave.

No. 806 Sergt. J. H. Bottomley, Corps Signals, rejoined from leave on February 23, 1929.
No. 655 Lce-Corpl. D. L. McWhirter, No. 7 Platoon, from March 20 to December 19, 1929.

No. 690 Spr. C. Strange, Engineer Co., leave to be extended to March 16, 1929.
No. 1424 Pte. H. M. Remedios, No. 9 Platoon, from March 23 to April 5, 1929.

No. 1306 Pte. A. L. Mills, No. 11 Platoon, sick leave from March 28 to June 25, 1929.

17.—Struck Off the Strength.

Having left the Colony:—
No. 1077 Pte. J. Isaacs, Car Section, as from March 13, 1929.
No. 734 Lce-Corpl. T. V. Harmon, Signals, as from March 14, 1929.

Having claimed their discharge on completion of three years' service or over:—
No. 345 C.O.M.S. P. W. Ramsay, Scottish Co., as from March 27, 1929.
No. 637 Pte. N. K. Littlejohn, No. 7 Platoon, as from October 23, 1928.

R. A. Wolff MERRAY, Major, Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C., Hong Kong, March 28, 1929.

NOTICE.

Small Arms Meeting.
The particulars of an open shoot to be held at the Rifle Meeting of the 1st Battalion Somerset Light Infantry at Kowloon City Range on Wednesday, April 3, at 2 p.m., have been posted on Corps notice boards for the information of those interested. Arrangements for entries must be made through the Adjutant.

Sergeants' Mess Meeting.
There will be a Sergeants' Mess Meeting on Thursday, April 4, 1929, at 6 p.m. All members are expected to attend.

TO-DAY'S RADIO.

SINCERE CO.'S ROOF GARDEN PROGRAMME.
The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Government Broadcasting Station Z.B.W., on 350 metres:—
1.45 p.m.—Weather report.
2.30 to 6.30 p.m.—Programme of Chinese music. (Odeon & New Moon records supplied through the courtesy of Messrs. Pleasant Co.)
7.45 p.m.—Evening weather report.
8 p.m.—Programme of Chinese music, relayed from the Roof Garden of Messrs. Sincere Co., Ltd.
10.30 p.m.—Close down.

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HONG KONG MARKET REPORTS.

Quotations for rice and other foodstuffs at yesterday's local market were as follows:—

Rice.	
Luk Sam Dor	87.33
Hung Sam Dor	7.24
Black Seal, No. 3, Broken	4.04
Hung Kum On, Unglutinous	7.04
Red Double Peaches	6.91
Red Flying Fish	7.12
Ching An Tio	7.12
Red Seal, Broken	7.52
Red Seal, Glutinous	7.52
Red Seal, Glutinous, Broken	8.42
Red Seal, No. 1 Broken	0.12
Blue Grape	7.88
Red Seal, No. 2 Broken	5.55
Green Seal, No. 3	6.36
Green Seal, No. 1	8.54
Red Lion	8.92
Green Seal, White	7.92

Miscellaneous.	
Granulated Sugar, Coarse	8.33
No. 34	
Dried Persimmon, Big	17.00
Moon	450.00
Dried Mushroom, Mokoo	28.50
Card	22.00
Camellia-nut Oil	22.00
Cocoon-nut Oil	10.90
Sago	30.00
Lotus Seeds	30.00

CANTON COTTON YARN MARKET.

As already reported the price of cotton yarn has increased owing to the high rate of exchange for Hong Kong money. But according to a telegram received on Tuesday from Shanghai, the prices have fallen there following the report of the Tsian settlement. At present, the prices are variable, but in a few days, there will be fixed prices. The latest quotations were as follows:—

No.	Five Sons	
No. 42	Butterfly	87.50
	Happiness	88.00
No. 32	Pagoda	84.00
	Double Horses	82.00
	Tin Koon	84.00
	Pine Tree and Deer	85.00
	Sheng Hing	84.00
No. 20	Golden City	360
	Globe	350
	Good Harvest	340
	Fui Sing	340
	Double Horses	340
	Tin Koon	350
	Sheng Hing	340
	Ng Fook	330
	Yan Chung	330
	Tramcar	330
	Shepherd	330
	Three Stars	330
No. 16	Globe	320
	Foo Kwei	310
	Yan Chung	310
No. 12	Golden City	290
	Peacock	290
	Foo Kwei	290
	Poo Yee	290
	Tramcar	290
	Pretty Damsel	290
	Aeroplane	290
	Tak Lee	290
No. 10	Sailing Vase	285
	Golden City	285
	Peacock	285
	Lotus and Bee	275
	Double Lions	275
	Five Lions	275
	Yan Chung	280
	Tai Fat	280
	Tak Lee	280
No. 6	Excellent Crops	270
	Lion, the second	210

CANTON STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.	
CANTON, March 28.	
Water Works	8.30
Electric Power & Light	4.50
Canton-Hankow Railway	0.51
The Sun Company	79.60
Sinco Company	104.00
Nanyang Brea. Tob. Co.	4.40
Canton Tramways	2.30
China Merchants Steam Nav. Co.	57.00
Central Bank of China	46.00

CANTON BEAN MARKET.

Market steady all round.	
Soy Bean, Soy Wong	9.50
Soy, Choy Chu Wong	9.80
Soy, Dairen	9.50
White, Kwang Pak	9.65
Black, Newchwang	8.35
Green, Sunsheng	11.60
Scarlet, Newchwang	14.50
Black, Ching Yan	8.80

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, March 28.	
Paris	124.175
New York	4.53
Brussels	34.04
Geneva	25.22
Amsterdam	12.11
Milan	92.95
Berlin	90.455
Stockholm	18.17
Copenhagen	18.21
Oslo	18.20
Vienna	34.525
Prague	164
Helsingfors	133
Madrid	31.975
Lisbon	108
Athens	375

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H.K. & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

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"STAGNANT STATE OF SHIPPING."

At yesterday's annual meeting of shareholders of the Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., the Chairman of Directors (Mr. B. D. F. Beith) said that it had been decided to enlarge the Company's No. 1 Dock at Kowloon so as to take the largest liners on the Pacific trade. He hoped that the terminal trade of the port—with its concurrent work for the company—would improve, but that depended largely on the political situation.

Supporting Mr. B. D. F. Beith were: Mr. Allan Cameron, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. J. P. Warren, W. H. Bell, and A. H. White (Directors), R. M. Dyer (Chief Manager), and E. L. Hosie (Secretary).

Shareholders present were: Messrs. Kelly, Sayce, Lo Koon Hang, John Arnold (representing Hong Kong, Canton & Macao S.B. Co.), M. Fernandez, P. Teeter, Shum Hip Tong, Chan Siu Hing, Ezra Abraham, and F. X. V. Ribeiro.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The Chairman addressing the meeting said: Before commencing the ordinary business of the meeting I would like to say on behalf of my colleagues how much we deplore the death of the late Mr. H. P. White. He had served on this Board for nearly thirty years and had on various occasions acted as your chairman. As representative of one of the firms which founded this company over sixty years ago, he always took the greatest interest in the conduct of its affairs and by his passing we have lost a wise counsellor and a good friend.

It is a matter for regret that the working for the past year does not show such a good result as the previous one. This is wholly attributed to the very stagnant state of shipping in Hong Kong during that period which seriously affected our turnover, and any new construction we undertook was of a small and not very profitable nature. Towards the end of the year, things took a turn for the better and this slight improvement seems so far to have been maintained and we can only hope that it will remain so.

The period through which your company is now passing is one of considerable anxiety and the unsettled state of China's internal troubles is the cause of a very depressing influence on trade generally and we can only express our hope that before so very long we shall see a united in place of a disunited China.

Improvements to No. 1 Dock.

You will be interested to hear that we have decided to widen the entrance and lengthen our present No. 1 Dock at Kowloon to enable it to accommodate the largest liners at present built or building for the Pacific trade which we have a reasonable hope of docking in the future. This will cost a little over \$800,000, and will take about eighteen months to complete. The decision to do this was not arrived at without the most careful consideration by your Board, and we came unanimously to the opinion that it was absolutely vital and essential in order to protect the potential earning power of the company and to meet modern requirements. I think all shareholders will agree with me.

It is hoped to do this work without putting the dock out of action any more than is absolutely necessary.

The Accounts.

Turning to the accounts you will notice capital expenditure during the period under review has been reduced to a minimum. Work in connection with the proposed new Dock has been entirely suspended in the meantime. On the other side of the balance sheet we have added to our reserve fund the amounts previously standing at the credit of marine insurance fund and premium on new shares. This will make one figure for our reserve account which, after the transfer as shown in the accounts, of which the substantial sum of \$300,000 is for depreciation of our plant and buildings, still leaves this fund at \$3,000,000. It is the intention of your directors in the future if necessary to utilise this account for further depreciation.

A great deal of your property only stands in our books at a nominal figure but it has been thought desirable to depreciate some of our newer plant and buildings as well as to entirely write off sundry articles of a perishable nature. Your properties have been kept in good order during the year and the same has been paid out of revenue.

I have not much more to add except to hope that the terminal trade of the port which is reflected by the normal earnings of this company will improve and that before very long we will again be in a dividend paying basis.

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GRAINS.

CROP PROSPECTS.

Messrs. Pentreath & Co. have handed us the following letter from Messrs. Hornby, Hemelrick & Co., dated February 27.

The wheat markets have been very quiet during the past week, and values have latterly declined sharply on more favourable weather advices from the South-West, a lack of export enquiries, and a poor cash demand.

Canada shows more desire to sell, but there is still a certain amount of apathy. The United States, although out of parity, shows more inclination to find a market now that the weather conditions in the Winter Wheat belt are rather better.

Australia does not press her wheat, as she is meeting with a considerable ex-European demand.

India reports that more rain is wanted. The Plate continues to offer freely, and large quantities have been sold both to this country and to the Continent.

Shipments: 2,564,000 qrs. against 2,350,000 qrs. last week.

On Passage: 8,743,000 qrs. against 8,761,000 qrs. last week.

The world's total visible stocks of Wheat and Flour remain very large, but there was a decrease last month, compared with an increase in January 1929.

At present Wheat is very dull, and it looks as if prices will ease further unless some bullish news comes along. We recommend, however, purchases in weak markets on account of the great lack of moisture in the Canadian seed-bed at present.

The Visible Supply in the United States of:—

Wheat: 131,191,000 bushels, last week 132,008,000; last year 95,412,000. Corn: 32,458,000 bushels, last week 32,663,000; last year 37,936,000. Oats: 15,301,000 bushels, last week 15,275,000; last year 20,709,000.

The Visible Supply in Canada of:—

Wheat: 84,184,000 bushels, last week 82,574,000; last year 75,209,000. Oats: 7,651,000 bushels, last week 7,464,000; last year 2,993,000.

According to advices from the Argentine the Corn crop is unusually early this year, maturity having been hastened by the warm weather. The threshing of Wheat, Linseed and Oats is finished in the Northern areas and is proceeding actively elsewhere.

One authority estimates a surplus Argentine Corn crop of about 24 million quarters, but the estimate is only tentative, as the crop is said to be irregular. A surplus of 24 millions would be some 5 million quarters below the surplus obtained from the last crop and would be much less than was expected some time ago.

Argentine Stocks: Wheat 320,000 tons, Corn 80,000 tons, Oats 50,000 tons, and Linseed 145,000 tons.

We have received the following cables from Chicago:—

Wheat: Apprehension continues regarding Winter Wheat. We are still of the opinion that the lack of moisture in Canada makes for great bullish potentialities. We believe the technical position is greatly improved, and we prefer purchases on declines.

BRITISH AERO ENGINES FOR SWEDEN.

FOR TROOP-CARRYING PLANES.

The first Armstrong Siddeley Leopard air-cooled radial engine, which is claimed to be the largest and most advanced of its type in production in the world, was recently installed in a Heinkel machine and flown from Germany across the Baltic Sea for delivery to the Swedish Government.

The Leopard engine, which has 14 cylinders and develops 700 to 750 h.p. at the remarkably low speed of 1,500 revolutions per minute, has been developed for troop and torpedo carrying aircraft.

Tribute to Staff.

I feel sure all shareholders will support me in offering a word of encouragement to our energetic Chief Manager and his hard-working staff, both European and Chinese, in the efforts they never cease to exert in the interests of the company and to express our hope that as a result of their labours it will not be long before they see the tide has turned.

I now beg to propose the adoption of the Report and Accounts, and when this has been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions which shareholders may like to ask.

Other Business.

Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. W. H. Bell were re-elected to the Board of Directors on the motion of Mr. J. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Kelly Sayce.

The appointments to the Board of Messrs. B. D. F. Beith, J. P. Warren and A. H. White were confirmed on the proposition of Mr. P. Teeter, seconded by Mr. J. Underperry.

The auditors, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming, were re-elected on the proposition of Mr. E. Abraham, seconded by Mr. F. X. V. Ribeiro.

TWO WIVES WAGE WAR.

CHINESE EX-PRESIDENT IN TROUBLE.

Peking (U.P.).—A battle royal between Wife No. 1 and Wife No. 2 of Tiao Kun, former President of the Chinese Republic, has been given considerable prominence in the Chinese newspapers. If the Chinese press is to be believed, it is a case of a loyal wife matched against a flighty concubine, in which the loyal wife has thus far come off a poor second.

Tiao Kun, it will be recalled, was the most ignorant of China's presidents, buying his way to office when a corrupt government established in old Peking. He had a loyal wife, the Chinese press declares, who rose with him "from the ranks," and stayed faithfully by him in prosperity and adversity.

Enter the Concubine.

But the concubine, the newspapers declare, ran away from Tiao Kun when he was imprisoned in 1924, while his Number One wife stayed at his side. Tiao Kun was released in 1925, and escaped with much of his great fortune to Tientsin, where he has lived since in the foreign concessions. The Chinese papers say that the concubine decided to make up with him after his release, and that he finally left his loyal wife and went to live with her.

His loyal wife went to call upon him at the concubine's house to get money to settle her accounts, but the angry concubine ordered her servants to throw her out of the house. She did not get her money.

NEW YORK STOCK QUOTATIONS.

Market Easy. New York, March 19. Business done, 4,933,400 Shares.

Stock	Price	Price
Allegheny Corp.	24	94
Allied Chem. & Dye (Com.)	239	285
American Can (Com.)	122	120
American Locomotive (Com.)	117	120
American Smelting	118	110
American Tel. & Tel. (Com.)	215	214
American Tobacco "B"	174	172
Armour & Co. "A"	14	14
Armour & Co. (Ill.) "B"	78	80
Anascond Copper	163	162
Andas Copper	98	94
Atlantic Refining (Com.)	64	63
Baltimore & Ohio	120	122
Bank of Montreal	354	363
Bethlehem Steel (Com.)	108	108
Calumet & Hecla	53	57
Camp Copper	97	97
Canadian Pacific Railway	243	244
Chrysler	110	111
Consolidated Gas of N.Y.	107	107
City Incorporated	64	64
Davison Chemical	64	64
Dry Dock	21	20
Du Pont de N. E. I. (Com.)	183	185
For Film "A"	91	91
General Electric Co.	240	238
General Motors	81	81
General Ry. Signal (Com.)	105	104
Gold Dust	70	69
Goodrich Rubber	98	97
Granby Consolidated	95	99
Great Western Sugar	37	37
Raygo	71	72
International Cement (Com.)	81	82
International Match, Pfd.	90	89
International Nickel (Com.)	60	59
International Paper Co.	57	58
Inter. Products Corp. (Com.)	104	104
Kelvinator	161	154
Lehigh Valley	103	103
Liggett & Myers, Class "B"	94	90
Mac Trucks	106	105
Madison Square Garden	22	22
Matheson Alkali	106	109
Missouri Pacific (Com.)	81	80
Nash Motors	108	107
National Dairy Products	121	120
National Distillers Pfd.	82	81
Nevada Consolidated Copper	61	61
N. Y. Central Railroad	189	188
Norfolk & Western	195	194
North American Aviation	151	152
Pacific Gas & Electric Co.	57	58
Packard Motor Car (Com.)	139	139
Paramount Lasky	69	70
Pennsylvania Railroad	77	78
Phillips Petroleum	40	41
Radio Corporation	549	600
Reynolds Tobacco, "B"	58	58
Shell Union Oil	23	23
Southern Pacific Railway	180	182
Standard Gas & Elec. (Com.)	80	80
Standard Oil of New Jersey	53	54
Standard Oil of New York	42	42
Texas Corporation (Com.)	81	85
Texas Gulf Sulphur	75	74
Timken Roller Bearing	63	63
Union Carbide	218	218
Union Pacific R.R. (Com.)	223	219
U.S. Inter. Security Pfd.	—	Mut.
U.S. Leather "A"	48	48
U.S. Realty & Imp. Co.	92	85
U.S. Steel	123	123
Vacuum Oil	123	130
Vanadium Corp.	105	103
Westinghouse Elec. (Com.)	153	155
Willis Overland Co.	301	30
Wright Aeronautical	275	270

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

H.K. Bank	March 27, 1929.
Do.	\$1.355 buy, 1.245 sell, 1.245 sa.
Do.	1.311 sel.
Chartered Bank	220 1/2 buy.
Mercantile Bank, A.S.	234 1/2 nom.
Do.	0.2151 nom.
P. & O. Bank	29 1/2 nom.
East Asia Bank	390 1/2 nom.
Canton Insurance	865 buy.
Union Insurance	335 buy, 335 sa.
North China Ins.	169 buy.
Yongtse Insurance	150 nom.
China Underwriters	32.50 buy, 34.00 sel.
China Fire Insurance	330 buy.
H.K. Fire Ins.	373 1/2 div. buy.
Douglas	336 nom.
H.K. Steamboats	328 sel, 35 sa.
H.K. Tugs	32.40 nom.
Indo-China (Pfd.)	352 1/2 nom.
Do. (Def.)	352 1/2 nom.
Shell Transport	35 1/2 nom.
Union Waterworks	322 nom.
Benguet	34 buy.
Kailan Mining Admin.	63 1/2 nom.
Langkat (combined)	14 1/2 nom.
Do. (single)	7 1/2 nom.
Shai. Explorations	14 1/2 sel.
Shanghai Loans	4 1/2 nom.
Bank of China	17.6 nom.
H.K. & S. Wharf	17.6 sel.
B.E. & W. Dock	37 sel.
China Provident	44 1/2 buy, 45 sel.
Hongkong	169 nom.
New Engineering	14.48 buy.
Shanghai Docks	117 buy.
Ewo Cottons	12 1/2 buy, 12.85 sel.
Oriental Cottons	12.2 nom.
8 hat. Cottons (old)	12.72 nom.
Do. (new)	12.35 nom.
H.K. & S. Hotels	39.05 buy, 39.20 sel.
H.K. Lands	263 buy, 631 sa.
Shanghai Lands	159 buy.
Humphreys Estates	314 buy.
H.K. Realities	8.50 nom.
H.K. Tramways	113 buy, 16 1/2 sel, 18 1/2 sa.
Peak Trams (old)	112 1/2 buy.
Do. (new)	53.30 nom.
Star Lines	67 buy, 68 sel, 68 1/2 sa.
China Light	13.53 buy, 13 1/2 sel, 14.10 sa.
H.K. Electric	59 buy.
Do.	57 1/2 buy, 60 sa.
Macao Electric	32 1/2 nom.
Sandakan Lights	45 nom.
Telephones	37.10 nom.
China Buses	13.13 buy.
Singapore Tractors	11.8 nom.
Do. (Pfd.)	19.6 buy.
China Sugar	11.05 sel.
Malayan Sugar	

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PROMISSORY NOTE ACTION.

COUNSEL WITHDRAWS SERIOUS ALLEGATION.

POSSIBILITY OF AN ERROR.

A surprising turn occurred during yesterday's resumed hearing of the promissory note action in the Supreme Court before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan), between Lam Ting On, head of the King On Tong (plaintiff), and the Ma Pak Leung firm, of 310, Queen's Road Central.

The claim is for \$2,000 under the terms of a note dated January 16, 1921, in favour of the King On Tong, plus \$1,788 interest for 82 Chinese months at one per cent. per month, making a total of \$4,998.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Messrs. Hastings, Denny and Bowley) was for plaintiff. Mr. C. O. Alabaster, O.B.E., K.C., and Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., (instructed by Messrs. d'Almeida and Mason) were for defendants.

The Allegation.

At yesterday's hearing, Mr. Potter alleged that some Chinese characters on the edge of one of the books produced by plaintiff, his Lordship pointed out the seriousness of the allegation and said he would take no note of it. Mr. Potter agreed that the matter was serious.

At yesterday's hearing, Mr. Potter withdrew his allegation entirely. "I have pressed it very hard upon my clients that there is a possibility of an error or a mistake," he said, "and they leave the matter entirely in my hands. If there was any possibility of a mistake they wish my allegation to be withdrawn entirely. They have their own views but I wish to withdraw the point entirely because there is a possibility of an error. In fairness to the witness, I withdraw the allegation entirely."

"At the same time, I have no desire to leave it in the position that it was a wild allegation, but that it was a possibility of confusion having arisen between the date which appears on one book and the date on the other and, by reason of such a possibility existing, I wish to withdraw the allegation absolutely. I hope the press will give every publicity to the withdrawal."

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, counsel for plaintiff, remarked that the King On Tong firm had been in existence for some 50 years and had treated the allegation with some concern, particularly as it had received publicity in the Press.

His Lordship said he could quite understand it as it was a very serious matter both for the King On Tong and the plaintiff's solicitors. However, the allegation had been withdrawn, and his Lordship asked the Press to make a note of it.

Mr. Potter said that so far as he was concerned there was nothing left of the matter.

The witness, Cheung Chuk Po, was then re-examined by Mr. Jenkin with regard to accounts.

His Lordship questioned him closely with regard to his system of book-keeping and remarked that he was not entirely satisfied with witness.

The case is proceeding.

BUSY SCENE AT SHAM SHUI PO.

"SQUATTERS" RECEIVE NOTICE TO QUIT.

Just off the Lai-chikok Road at a place known as Tai-kok-tai in Shamshui-po a small Chinese village has sprung up round a granite quarry. For about three years a number of Hakka folk have settled on the waste land and their numbers have reached about 300.

Yesterday morning it came to the notice of the Public Works Department that the "tenants" were not paying Crown rent nor had they any permit to build on the land. Perhaps it may be because the P.W.D. have decided to develop the land. However, the squatters were given orders to shift and immediately there followed a great upheaval. Houses of palm leaves were taken down and planks detached for removal.

Likewise followed the chickens, dogs, water-buffaloes, pigs, and rats! The squatters promptly removed their belongings to the next open space—the roadway—and blocked the whole street until they decided upon a spot where to encamp.

By yesterday afternoon, nearly all the huts had been taken down and there now remain a few old planks and chicken coops to tell of a village which once flourished after its own ramshackle and somewhat insanitary fashion!

NAVAL MOVEMENTS.

H.M.S. Bruce, flotilla leader of the 6th destroyer flotilla, arrived at Shanghai on Tuesday from Pagoda anchorage, Foochow. H.M.S. Sterling and Stormcloud, of the same flotilla, left Amoy on the same day and arrived here yesterday. H.M.S. Carysfort and Dartmouth, cruisers carrying out R.N. relief for the China Station, left Colombo on Tuesday for Singapore and Hong Kong.

"FOUR SONS" AT THE QUEEN'S.

BEAUTIFUL EFFECTS OF SUNSHINE.

FINE ACTING BY MARGARET MANN.

[BY OUR FILM CRITIC.]

The first thing that strikes you about "Four Sons," which you can see at the Queen's until Saturday, is the really beautiful light effects. Fox films used to be remarkable for a rather hard and brilliant lighting, but the director of this picture was evidently determined to alter this reputation. There are a number of outdoor scenes right through the film in which the figures are seen through, not in, a flood of sunshine and the scenes of interiors in the day time are lighted through the windows as they would be in real life. Several directors have tried their hands of late with effects in mist and fog and the scene on the battlefield with the morning mist rising is as good as any I have seen.

The story is not very remarkable except, perhaps, in its simplicity. It opens in a village in the Tyrol and shows Mother Bernie happy with her four sons. First one goes off to America to seek his fortune, then war comes and two others march away to their death. At last even the youngest is taken for a soldier to meet his brother from America in the opposing army and to die in his arms. The war over, Joseph, the remaining son, sends for his mother to join him in New York and the last scenes show the poor old lady's bewilderment at Ellis Island, and her final happiness in her son's home.

Margaret Mann has made a fine thing of her characterisation of the mother. This old lady is 60 years old and, as it is almost unknown "extra" until she suddenly rose to fame in an earlier picture which we have not seen here in Hong Kong. Her acting in "Four Sons" is sufficient however to guarantee that she was good in the other. She never over-acts or tries to be a picture of "every mother," contenting herself with a characterisation of one mother under certain circumstances. She is always interesting to watch and particularly good in her bewilderment in a foreign land. The little scene in the school room in her own village where she goes to learn her ABC before emigrating (as is required by the American immigration officers), might have been ridiculous but she invests it with charming dignity, and is always the most living person on the stage.

You will enjoy "Four Sons" because it has qualities of greatness which make it stand well out above the average cinema play.

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THE SACRED HEART COLLEGE.

YESTERDAY'S PRIZE-GIVING.

The annual prize-giving in connection with the Sacred Heart College took place at the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon, yesterday morning. The awards were distributed by Mr. Wong Kwong Tin, in the presence of a large gathering of students, parents and friends.

Addressing the students in Chinese, Mr. Wong Kwong Tin said that the College had been most successful, thanks to the good management of the headmaster and the efficiency of the teaching staff. The best time for studying, continued Mr. Wong, was during one's youth, when there were no domestic affairs to worry the mind.

Annual Report.

Mr. J. S. Shak, Headmaster, in the course of his report stated: "I am glad to say that the year has been one of achievement and progress."

The school was opened on 229 days, the average attendance during the year was 87 per cent. The maximum enrolment was 248. The class rooms are in every way suitable and well equipped. In August the Government kindly allotted us a piece of land opposite to our school. We are now using it as our playground, where tennis, volleyball and basketball are played.

Examinations.—Our annual examination was held in November and the results were very satisfactory. In the Matriculation, the Senior and the Junior Local Examinations of the Hong Kong University the school also had very good results. Master Tsang Koo Cook of the Matriculation Class who got through the Junior Local Examination in 1927, gaining two distinctions, has passed the Matriculation Examination with honours in history and trigonometry. This speaks volumes for the assiduous attention which he has paid to his lessons and the splendid work done by our teachers.

The physical culture of our boys is by no means neglected. We encourage them to take part in sports of various kinds, both indoor and outdoor, and football is our favourite game.

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H.M.S. TERN ASSISTING.

[BRITISH NAVAL WIRELESS.]

HANKOW, March 28.

The U.S. (Yangtze) gunboat Tutuila is ashore in the Upper River and H.M.S. Tern is proceeding to her assistance.

The water level at Hankow is one foot below zero, which is the lowest recording for this time of the year in thirty years. The river is still falling.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION Co.'s STEAMER "ALIPPORE."

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Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions have been given to the contrary 6 hours before arrival of the Steamer.

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No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee and the Company's Surveyors.

Meas. Gordon & Douglas at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, within the Free Storage period.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 16th April, 1929, or they will not be recognized.

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STEAMERS	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE ON WEDNESDAY	FOR
TJISONDARI	SHAI & AMOY	1st Apr.	3rd Apr. 4 p.m.	BATAVIA & MAKASSAR SOERABAYA
TJISALAK	DALRY, K'LONG & AMOY	6th Apr.	10th Apr. 4 p.m.	BATAVIA & MAKASSAR SOERABAYA
TJIKEMBANG	SHAI & AMOY	11th Apr.	13th Apr. 4 p.m.	BATAVIA & MAKASSAR SOERABAYA
TJITAROEM	DALRY, K'LONG & AMOY	21st Apr.	24th Apr. 1 p.m.	BATAVIA & MAKASSAR SOERABAYA
TJIKARANG	SHAI & AMOY	22nd Apr.	24th Apr. 4 p.m.	BATAVIA

NORTH BOUND.

STEAMERS	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE ON OR ABOUT	FOR
TJIKEMBANG	BATAVIA	30th Mar.	1st Apr.	AMOY & SHANGHAI
TJILEBOET	JAVA, MAKASSAR	3rd Apr.	6th Apr.	AMOY & N. CHINA
TJIKARANG	BATAVIA	10th Apr.	12th Apr.	AMOY & SHANGHAI

TO MANILA.

STEAMERS	FROM HONG KONG	FROM MANILA
TJISALAK	10th April, 4 p.m.	13th April
TJITAROEM	24th April, 1 p.m.	27th April

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ALEXANDRIA.

Pres. Monroe, Dollar, Apr. 7.
Pres. Wilson, Dollar, Apr. 24.

AMOI.

Haiyang, Douglas, Mar. 29.
Tilawa, B.I., Mar. 31.
Chinhua, B. & S., Apr. 1.
Tjikembang, J.C.J.L., Apr. 1.
Soochow, B. & S., Apr. 2.
Haiching, Douglas, Apr. 2.
Haining, Douglas, Apr. 5.
Tjikembang, J.C.J.L., Apr. 8.
Takiwa, B.I., Apr. 7.
Antung, B. & S., Apr. 8.
Shantung, B. & S., Apr. 9.
Tjikarag, J.C.J.L., Apr. 12.
Takada, P. & O., Apr. 13.
Namsang, Jardine's, Apr. 17.
Hosang, Jardine's, Apr. 26.

ANTWERP.

Australien, Manners, Apr. 1.
Padua, P. & O., Apr. 2.
Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 6.
Chile, Manners, Apr. 20.
Kitano Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 20.

AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

St. Albans, E. & S., Mar. 29.
Chronos, Dodwell's, Apr. 9.
Changie, Butterfield, Apr. 19.
Aki Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 24.

BALIC PORTS.

Australien, Manners, Apr. 2.
Saarbrücken, Melchers, Apr. 10.
Chile, Manners, Apr. 20.
Sumatra, Gilman's, Apr. 21.
Dessau, Melchers, Apr. 22.

BALTIMORE.

Nairnbank, Bank, Apr. 1.
Laomedon, Bank, Apr. 10.

BANGKOK.

Kwangtung, B. & S., Mar. 31.
Kalgan, B. & S., Mar. 31.
Kiangu, B. & S., Apr. 7.

BOSTON.

Nairnbank, Bank, Apr. 1.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar, Apr. 7.
Laomedon, Bank, Apr. 10.
Malayan Prince, Furness, Apr. 14.
Pres. Wilson, Dollar, Apr. 21.

BOMBAY.

Tottori Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 29.
Yamagata Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 31.
Awa Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 11.
Naldera, P. & O., Apr. 13.
Mirapore, P. & O., Apr. 14.

BREMEN.

Saarbrücken, Melchers, Apr. 10.
Dessau, Melchers, Apr. 22.

BRINDISI.

Piave, Dodwell's, Mar. 30.
Viminale, Dodwell's, Apr. 3.
Duchessa d'Acosta, Dwell's, Apr. 26.

CALCUTTA.

Nagato Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 29.
Tilawa, B.I., Mar. 29.
Suisang, Jardine's, Apr. 1.
Yensang, Jardine's, Apr. 11.
Santia, B.I., Apr. 17.
Tilawa, B.I., Apr. 21.

CEBU.

Texas, States S.S., Apr. 3.
G'den Dragon, States S.S., Apr. 5.
Hutchow, B. & S., Apr. 4.
Kweichow, B. & S., Apr. 13.

COLOMBO.

Tottori Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 29.
Malwa, P. & O., Mar. 30.
Piave, Dodwell's, Mar. 30.
Yamagata Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 31.
Mirapore, P. & O., Apr. 1.
Padua, P. & O., Apr. 2.
Glengarry, Jardine's, Apr. 3.
Viminale, Dodwell's, Apr. 3.
Leverkusan, Jelsen, Apr. 5.
Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 6.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar, Apr. 7.
Porthos, M.M., Apr. 9.
Saarbrücken, Melchers, Apr. 10.
Awa Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 11.
Naldera, P. & O., Apr. 13.
Burgeland, Jelsen, Apr. 16.
Mirapore, P. & O., Apr. 16.
Karmala, P. & O., Apr. 20.
Kitano Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 20.
Pres. Wilson, Dollar, Apr. 21.
Chenonceaux, M.M., Apr. 23.
Dessau, Melchers, Apr. 22.

COPENHAGEN.

Australien, Manners, Apr. 2.
City of Khartoum, Bank, Apr. 8.
Chile, Manners, Apr. 20.
Sumatra, Gilman's, Apr. 21.

DALNY.

Afrika, Manners, Mar. 31.
Liangchow, B. & S., Mar. 31.
Hector, B.F., Apr. 4.
Ruh, Jelsen, Apr. 5.
Tjikembang, J.C.J.L., Apr. 6.
Kanchow, B. & S., Apr. 7.
Coblentz, Melchers, Apr. 12.
Vogland, Jelsen, Apr. 19.

DUTCH PORTS.

Australien, Manners, Apr. 2.
Calchas, B.F., Apr. 2.
Padua, P. & O., Apr. 2.
Glengarry, Jardine's, Apr. 3.
Leverkusan, Jelsen, Apr. 5.
Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 6.
Saarbrücken, Melchers, Apr. 10.
City of Khartoum, Bank, Apr. 10.
Burgeland, Jelsen, Apr. 16.
Kitano Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 20.
Chile, Manners, Apr. 20.
Sumatra, Gilman's, Apr. 21.
Dessau, Melchers, Apr. 22.

FOOCHOW.

Haiyang, Douglas, Mar. 29.
Haiching, Douglas, Apr. 2.
Haining, Douglas, Apr. 2.

GENOA.

Leverkusan, Jelsen, Apr. 5.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar, Apr. 7.
Saarbrücken, Melchers, Apr. 10.
Burgeland, Jelsen, Apr. 16.
Lima Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 19.
Euryades, B.F., Apr. 20.
Pres. Wilson, Dollar, Apr. 21.

GLASGOW.

City of Khios, Bank, Mar. 29.
Antenor, B.F., Apr. 17.
Euryades, B.F., Apr. 20.

GOTENBURG.

Australien, Manners, Apr. 2.
Chile, Manners, Apr. 20.
Sumatra, Gilman's, Apr. 21.

HAIPHONG AND HOIHOW.

Kwangtung, B. & S., Mar. 31.

HAMBURG.

Padua, P. & O., Apr. 2.
Australien, Manners, Apr. 2.
Calchas, B.F., Apr. 2.
Glengarry, Jardine's, Apr. 3.
Leverkusan, Jelsen, Apr. 5.
Saarbrücken, Melchers, Apr. 10.
City of Khartoum, Bank, Apr. 13.
Burgeland, Jelsen, Apr. 16.
Chile, Manners, Apr. 20.
Sumatra, Gilman's, Apr. 21.
Dessau, Melchers, Apr. 22.

HAVRE.

Australien, Manners, Mar. 31.
Euryades, B.F., Apr. 20.
Chile, Manners, Apr. 20.

HONOLULU.

Tenyo Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 3.
Pres. Lincoln, Dollar, Apr. 9.
Emp. of France, C.P.S., Apr. 10.
Korea Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 17.
Rakuyo Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 19.
Pres. Madison, Dollar, Apr. 23.

ILOILO.

Texas, States S.S., Apr. 3.
G'den Dragon, States S.S., Apr. 5.
Chronos, Dodwell's, Apr. 9.

JAPAN PORTS.

Chenonceaux, M.M., Mar. 29.
Maybashi Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 29.
Duchessa d'Acosta, Dwell's, Mar. 29.
Manhua, P. & O., Mar. 29.
Malacca Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 29.
Formosa, Gilman's, Mar. 30.
Protelans, B.F., Mar. 30.
Lahore, P. & O., Mar. 31.
Tilawa, B.I., Mar. 31.
Afrika, Manners, Mar. 31.
Esquillo, Dodwell's, Mar. 31.
Caravonshire, Jardine's, Apr. 1.
Kidderpore, P. & O., Apr. 1.
Diomed, B. & S., Apr. 2.
Pres. Grant, Dollar, Apr. 2.
Kaino Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 2.
Tamba Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 2.
Tenyo Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 3.
Ruh, Jelsen, Apr. 5.
Nagano Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 7.
Takiwa, B.I., Apr. 7.
Yokohama Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 8.
Athos II, M.M., Apr. 9.
Pres. Lincoln, Dollar, Apr. 9.
Emp. of France, C.P.S., Apr. 10.
Kalyan, P. & O., Apr. 10.
Nanking, Gilman's, Apr. 10.
Coblentz, Melchers, Apr. 12.
Toba Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 12.
Glengary, Jardine's, Apr. 13.
Takada, P. & O., Apr. 13.
Jeypore, P. & O., Apr. 15.
Katori Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 15.
Aratuna, E. & S., Apr. 16.
Pres. Cleveland, Dollar, Apr. 16.
Rosandra, Dodwell's, Apr. 16.
Korea Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 17.
Namsang, Jardine's, Apr. 17.
Rakuyo Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 19.
Vogland, Jelsen, Apr. 19.
Tathyrus, B.F., Apr. 20.
Delhi, Gilman's, Apr. 20.
Toyama Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 22.
D'Artagnan, M.M., Apr. 23.
Pres. Madison, Dollar, Apr. 23.
Talamba, B.I., Apr. 24.
Romolo, Dodwell's, Apr. 25.
Hosang, Jardine's, Apr. 26.
Perseus, Jardine's, Apr. 26.

KALAMATA.

Maybashi Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 29.
Toba Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 12.
Rakuyo Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 19.

KANTO.

Tottori Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 29.
Van Heutz, J.C.J.L., Mar. 29.
Nagato Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 29.
Malwa, P. & O., Mar. 30.
Yamagata Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 31.
Suisang, Jardine's, Mar. 31.
Australien, Manners, Apr. 2.
Padua, P. & O., Apr. 2.
Glengarry, Jardine's, Apr. 3.
Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 6.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar, Apr. 7.
Yensang, Jardine's, Apr. 11.
Awa Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 11.
Naldera, P. & O., Apr. 13.
Mirapore, P. & O., Apr. 16.
Chile, Manners, Apr. 20.
Karmala, P. & O., Apr. 20.
Kitano Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 20.
Dessau, Melchers, Apr. 22.
Talamba, B.I., Apr. 24.

KATOW.

City of Khios, Bank, Mar. 29.
Malwa, P. & O., Mar. 30.
Naldera, P. & O., Apr. 13.
Yensang, Jardine's, Apr. 11.
Hinsang, Jardine's, Apr. 13.
Kweichow, B. & S., Apr. 13.
Franken, Melchers, Apr. 25.

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Naldera, P. & O., Apr. 13.
Yensang, Jardine's, Apr. 11.
Hinsang, Jardine's, Apr. 13.
Kweichow, B. & S., Apr. 13.
Franken, Melchers, Apr. 25.

MANILA.

Emp. of France, C.P.S., Mar. 29.
St. Albans, E. & S., Mar. 29.
Pres. Lincoln, Dollar, Mar. 30.
City of Khios, Bank, Apr. 2.
Nairnbank, Bank, Apr. 2.
Texas, States S.S., Apr. 3.
G'den Dragon, States S.S., Apr. 5.
Leverkusan, Jelsen, Apr. 5.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar, Apr. 7.
Pres. Cleveland, Dollar, Apr. 9.
Chronos, Dodwell's, Apr. 9.
Tjishak, J.C.J.L., Apr. 10.
Laomedon, Bank, Apr. 10.
Saarbrücken, Melchers, Apr. 10.
Pres. Madison, Dollar, Apr. 13.
Burgeland, Jelsen, Apr. 16.
Changie, B. & S., Apr. 16.
Emp. of Russia, C.P.S., Apr. 19.
Pres. Wilson, Dollar, Apr. 21.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Apr. 23.
Aki Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 24.
Tjitaroom, J.C.J.L., Apr. 24.
Pres. Jackson, A.M.L., Apr. 27.

MARSEILLES.

Malwa, P. & O., Mar. 30th.
Australien, Manners, Apr. 2.
Calchas, B.F., Apr. 2.
Padua, P. & O., Apr. 2.
Leverkusan, Jelsen, Apr. 5.
Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 6.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar, Apr. 7.
Porthos, M.M., Apr. 9.
Naldera, P. & O., Apr. 13.
Burgeland, Jelsen, Apr. 16.
Mirapore, P. & O., Apr. 16.
Antenor, B.F., Apr. 17.
Lima Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 19.
Karmala, P. & O., Apr. 20.
Kitano Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 20.
Chile, Manners, Apr. 20.
Pres. Wilson, Dollar, Apr. 21.
Dessau, Melchers, Apr. 22.
Chenonceaux, M.M., Apr. 23.

MELBOURNE.

Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 6.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar, Apr. 7.
Kitano Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 20.
Pres. Wilson, Dollar, Apr. 21.

NEW YORK, BOSTON, etc.

Maybashi Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 29.
Nairnbank, Bank, Apr. 1.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar, Apr. 7.
Laomedon, Bank, Apr. 10.
Malayan Prince, Furness, Apr. 14.
Pres. Wilson, Dollar, Apr. 21.

NORTH CHINA.

Hector, B. & S., Apr. 2.
Ruh, Jelsen, Apr. 5.
Tjikembang, J.C.J.L., Apr. 6.
Coblentz, Melchers, Apr. 12.

ORAN.

Saarbrücken, Melchers, Apr. 10.
Dessau, Melchers, Apr. 22.

OSLO.

Sumatra, Gilman's, Apr. 21.

PANAMA.

Maybashi Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 29.
Toba Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 12.
Rakuyo Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 19.

PENANG.

Tottori Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 29.
Van Heutz, J.C.J.L., Mar. 29.
Nagato Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 29.
Malwa, P. & O., Mar. 30.
Yamagata Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 31.
Suisang, Jardine's, Mar. 31.
Australien, Manners, Apr. 2.
Padua, P. & O., Apr. 2.
Glengarry, Jardine's, Apr. 3.
Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 6.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar, Apr. 7.
Yensang, Jardine's, Apr. 11.
Awa Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 11.
Naldera, P. & O., Apr. 13.
Mirapore, P. & O., Apr. 16.
Chile, Manners, Apr. 20.
Karmala, P. & O., Apr. 20.
Kitano Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 20.
Dessau, Melchers, Apr. 22.
Talamba, B.I., Apr. 24.

PEYMOUTH.

City of Khios, Bank, Mar. 29.
Malwa, P. & O., Mar. 30.
Naldera, P. & O., Apr. 13.
Yensang, Jardine's, Apr. 11.
Hinsang, Jardine's, Apr. 13.
Kweichow, B. & S., Apr. 13.
Franken, Melchers, Apr. 25.

PORTLAND.

Michigan, States S.S., Apr. 8.
RABAU.

Chronos, Dodwell's, Apr. 9.
Bremerhaven, Melchers, Apr. 10.

RAKHOON.

Nagato Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 29.
Genoa Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 9.

SAIGON.

Porthos, M.M., Apr. 9.
Chenonceaux, M.M., Apr. 23.

SANDAKAN.

St. Albans, E. & S., Mar. 29.
Mausang, Jardine's, Apr. 6.
Chronos, Dodwell's, Apr. 9.
Hinsang, Jardine's, Apr. 13.

SAN FRANCISCO.

Maybashi Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 29.
Grays Harbour, S.S.S., Mar. 30.
Tenyo Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 3.
Michigan, States S.S., Apr. 8.
Pres. Lincoln, Dollar, Apr. 9.
Toba Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 12.
Golden Peak, States S.S., Apr. 13.
Korea Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 17.
Rakuyo Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 19.
Pres. Madison, Dollar, Apr. 23.

SCANDINAVIAN PORTS.

Australien, Manners, Apr. 2.
Chile, Manners, Apr. 20.
Sumatra, Gilman's, Apr. 21.

SEATTLE.

Grays Harbour, S.S.S., Mar. 30.
Protelans, B.F., Mar. 30.
Pres. Grant, Dollar, Apr. 2.
Yokohama Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 8.
Pres. Cleveland, Dollar, Apr. 18.
Tathyrus, B.F., Apr. 20.
Toyama Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 22.

SHANGHAI.

Chenonceaux, M.M., Mar. 29.
Maybashi Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 29.
Mantua, P. & O., Mar. 29.
Duchessa d'Acosta, Dwell's, Mar. 29.
Malacca Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 29.
Ningpo, B. & S., Mar. 30.
Chuan, B. & S., Mar. 30.
Formosa, Gilman's, Mar. 30.
Sungshan Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 30.

SHANGHAI.

Chenonceaux, M.M., Mar. 29.
Maybashi Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 29.
Mantua, P. & O., Mar. 29.
Duchessa d'Acosta, Dwell's, Mar. 29.
Malacca Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 29.
Ningpo, B. & S., Mar. 30.
Chuan, B. & S., Mar. 30.
Formosa, Gilman's, Mar. 30.
Sungshan Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 30.

SHANGHAI—(Continued).

Lahore, P. & O., Mar. 31.
Tilawa, B.I., Mar. 31.
Afrika, Manners, Mar. 31.
Esquillo, Dodwell's, Mar. 31.
Liangchow, B. & S., Mar. 31.
Sinkiang, B. & S., Mar. 31.
Kwalsang, Jardine's, Mar. 31.
Tjikembang, J.C.J.L., Apr. 1.
Diomed, B. & S., Apr. 2.
Hector, B. & S., Apr. 2.
Soochow, B. & S., Apr. 2.
Pres. Grant, Dollar, Apr. 2.
Tamba Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 2.
Kamo Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 2.
Tenyo Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 3.
Foshing, Jardine's, Apr. 3.
Lushan Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 4.
Chuan, B. & S., Apr. 4.
Ruh, Jelsen, Apr. 5.
Hopsang, Jardine's, Apr. 7.
Kanchow, B. & S., Apr. 7.
Suiyang, B. & S., Apr. 7.
Nagano Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 7.
Yokohama Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 8.
Athos II, M.M., Apr. 9.
Pres. Lincoln, Dollar, Apr. 9.
Shantung, B. & S., Apr. 9.
Emp. of France, C.P.S., Apr. 10.
Nanking, Gilman's, Apr. 10.
Yatsing, Jardine's, Apr. 10.
Toba Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 12.
Coblentz, Melchers, Apr. 12.
Tjikarag, J.C.J.L., Apr. 12.
Kalyan, P. & O., Apr. 12.
Glengary, Jardine's, Apr. 13.
Jeypore, P. & O., Apr. 15.
Katori Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 15.
Pres. Cleveland, Dollar, Apr. 15.
Rosandra, Dodwell's, Apr. 16.
Vogland, Jelsen, Apr. 19.
Tathyrus, B.F., Apr. 20.
Delhi, Gilman's, Apr. 20.
Toyama Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 22.
Pres. Madison, Dollar, Apr. 23.
Peleus, B.F., Apr. 24.
Talamba, P. & O., Apr. 24.
Franken, Melchers, Apr. 25.
Romolo, Dodwell's, Apr. 25.
Perseus, Jardine's, Apr. 26.

SINGAPORE.

Tottori Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 29.
Van Heutz, J.C.J.L., Mar. 29.
Nagato Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 29.
Malwa, P. & O., Mar. 30.
Kwangtung, B. & S., Mar. 31.
Anhui, B. & S., Mar. 31.
Yamagata Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 31.
Suisang, Jardine's, Mar. 31.
Chinhua, B. & S., Apr. 1.
Australien, Manners, Apr. 2.
Calchas, B.F., Apr. 2.
Padua, P. & O., Apr. 2.
Viminale, Dodwell's, Apr. 2.
Glengarry, Jardine's, Apr. 3.
Leverkusan, Jelsen, Apr. 5.
Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 6.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar, Apr. 7.
Antung, B. & S., Apr. 8.
Porthos, M.M., Apr. 9.
Saarbrücken, Melchers, Apr. 10.
Yensang, Jardine's, Apr. 11.
Awa Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 11.
Mirapore, P. & O., Apr. 13.
Naldera, P. & O., Apr. 13.
Burgeland, Jelsen, Apr. 16.
Antenor, B.F., Apr. 16.
Santia, B.I., Apr. 17.
Chile, Manners, Apr. 20.
Karmala, P. & O., Apr. 20.
Kitano Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 20.
Pres. Wilson, Dollar, Apr. 21.
Dessau, Melchers, Apr. 22.
Chenonceaux, M.M., Apr. 23.
Talamba, B.I., Apr. 24.

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KAGA MARU ... Wednesday, 22nd May

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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

IMPORTS 17,300 TONS;
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19,900 TONS.

During the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday the general returns shown at the Harbour Office of cargoes carried by vessels arriving in Hong Kong were as follows:—

Cargo for Through Ports.

British	Through	Port.
Oanfa, Liverpool	2,750	5,708
Ajax, Newport	612	4,516
Alipore, Bombay	250	7,681
Lyemco, Saigon	2,500	180
Cheong Shing, Tongku	2,216	438
	8,328	18,883

French General Metzinger, Japan 3, 400
Gov. Gen. Paul Doumer, Saigon 1,500

Norwegian Promie, Bangkok 1,760
Solviken, Saigon 2,622

Japanese Daiboshi Maru, Japan 2,792

Chinese Wing Wo, K. O. Wan 330
Shiu Hing, Macao 65
Tak Hing, Autou 8

Total 17,398 19,233

Arrivals and Departures.

The following were the arrivals and departures during the period under review:—

British	Arr.	Dep.
Japanese	1	0
Norwegian	3	3
Danish	0	1
French	2	2
Portuguese	0	2
American	0	2
Chinese	3	7
Total	14	23

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DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

DERELICT JUNKS.

A derelict junk, dangerous to navigation in a position 20.50 N. 113.23 E. was reported by the master of the s.s. Solviken on her arrival in port yesterday.

The master of the s.s. Ermland which also arrived in port yesterday reports that he too, sighted a derelict junk on 25th inst. The position given was 025 deg. 1.5 miles from Waglan Lighthouse.

Marine Court Cases.

Two licensed Chinese hawkers were before Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., at the Marine Court yesterday for boarding the s.s. Hong Hwa without first obtaining the necessary permit from the master or the officer on duty.

They were fined \$10 each.

Dangerous Goods.

The Oanfa arriving from Liverpool had on board 2 drums of pyridine and 20 cylinders of liquid chlorine.

Ten cases of zinc dust for Shanghai, 33 baskets of solacetal for Kobe, and 108 drums of methylalcohol for Yokohama were the dangerous goods carried by the Ajax when she came into port from Newport yesterday.

Infectious Disease.

The master of the General Metzinger reported that there were two cases of tuberculosis and 1 case of congestion of the lungs on the voyage from Yokohama.

Death on Board.

One death from beri-beri (a Chinese fireman) was reported by the master of the Oanfa on the steamer's arrival from Liverpool yesterday.

S.S. Paul Beau.

The s.s. Paul Beau came out from docks last night after her annual overhaul and survey. She will again be placed on her usual run.

Asiatic Deck Passengers.

The following vessels brought Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday:—

Ajax (Br.) Newport, Singapore 19
Lyemco (Br.) Saigon 583
Cheong Shing (Br.) Tongku, Weihaiwei 11

General Metzinger (Fr.) Yokohama, Shanghai 25
Gov. Gen. Paul Doumer (Fr.) Saigon, Swatow 17

Solviken (Norw.) Saigon 101
Wing Wo (Ch.) Kwang Chow Wan 12
Tak Hing (Ch.) Autou 63

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ARRIVALS.

March 28.

Ajax, British str., 6,796 tons, Capt. V. A. Turner, from Singapore. Holt's Wharf.—B. & S.

Cheong Shing, British str., 1,958 tons, Capt. D. M. Burleigh, from Weihaiwei, buoy No. C33.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Daiboshi Maru, Japanese str., 1,654 tons, Capt. H. Tanigawa, from Takakushi, buoy No. C49.—M.B.E.

Oanfa, British str., 9,037 tons, Capt. R. Lloyd, from Liverpool via Singapore, Holt's Wharf.—B. & S.

Solviken, Norwegian str., 1,435 tons, Capt. N. Norvalls, from Saigon, buoy No. C45.—Fau Yuen Hong.

March 27.

Canton Maru, Japanese str., 1,613 tons, Capt. K. Mikami, from Keelung, O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.

Feoshing, British str., 1,423 tons, Capt. Allan Balen, from Swatow, West Point Wharf.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Hai Yang, British str., 1,363 tons, Capt. W. G. Erwin, from Foochow, Amoy and Swatow, Douglas Wharf.—Douglas, Laprak & Co.

Hav, Norwegian str., 730 tons, Capt. K. S. Guadre, from Bangkok, buoy No. C38.—Kai Wo Hong.

Hydrangeas, British str., 581 tons, Capt. Wm. Brewer, from Swatow, Chiu-On Wharf.—Chiu On Co., Ltd.

Kwai Sang, British str., 1,435 tons, Capt. C. Alexandre, from Canton, buoy No. B32.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Mayebashi Maru, Japanese str., 4,321 tons, Capt. S. Amato, from Hilo, buoy No. A3.—N.Y.K.

Prinsesse, Norwegian str., 727 tons, Capt. L. Hevsted, from Bangkok, buoy No. C44.—K. Larsen & Co.

Soochow, British str., 1,594 tons, Capt. C. H. Jones, from Swatow, buoy No. B9.—B. & S.

St. Albans, British str., 2,438 tons, Capt. S. L. Diamond, from Moji, buoy No. A1.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

Tai Poo Sek, French str., 1,219 tons, Capt. Paul Maternati, from Kwang Chow Wan, China Merchants' Wharf.—C.M.S.N. Co.

Van Heutsz, Dutch str., 2,748 tons, Capt. J. Groothoff, from Swatow, buoy No. A8.—J.C.J.L.

CLEARANCES.

March 27.

Ajax, for Shanghai.

Cheong Shing, for Canton.

Hydra, for Bangkok.

Mayebashi Maru, for Shanghai.

Oanfa, for Shanghai.

Rio Dorado, for Yokohama.

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"MINEZAPORE"	6,715	16th Apr.	Strait, Colombo and Bombay
"KARNATA"	9,128	20th Apr.	Marseilles and London.
"ALIPORA"	5,373	24th Apr.	Strait, Colombo & Bombay
"KANTUA"	10,946	27th Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles and London
"KAGPUR"	5,353	4th May	Mars., L'don, A'werp, B'dm. & B'burg.
"KIDDERPORE"	6,334	8th May	Strait & Bombay.
"KALYAN"	9,144	11th May	Marseilles, London and Hull.
"MOBEA"	10,953	20th May	Bombay, Marseilles and London
"LAHORE"	5,252	1st June	Mars., L'don, A'werp, B'dm. & B'burg.
"DELTA"	6,097	8th June	Marseilles, London and Hull.
"JEYPORE"	5,318	15th June	Mars., L'don, A'werp, B'dm. & B'burg.
"RAJPUTANA"	18,588	22nd June	Bombay, Marseilles & L'don
"PERIM"	7,848	29th June	Marseilles and London
"KASHGAR"	9,306	6th July	Bombay, Marseilles and London
"KANTUA"	16,601	13th July	Marseilles, London and Hull
"KHYBER"	9,114	2nd Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles and London
"MALWA"	10,980	17th Aug.	Marseilles, London and Hull
"KARNATA"	9,128	31st Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles and London
"MOBEA"	10,953	14th Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles and London
"MANTUA"	10,946	20th Sept.	Marseilles and London
"KASHMIR"	5,358	12th Oct.	Marseilles and London
"KALYAN"	9,144	26th Oct.	Bombay, Marseilles and London
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"TAKADA"	6,949	5th May	do.
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"TAKADA"	6,949	31st May	Sydney and Melbourne.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	5th July	do.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	2nd Aug.	do.

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